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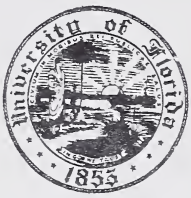

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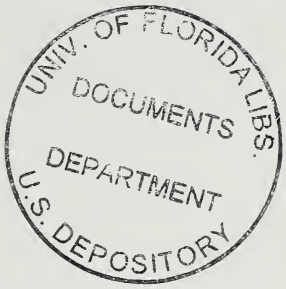
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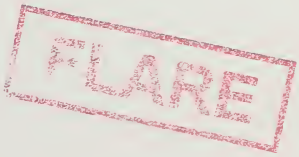
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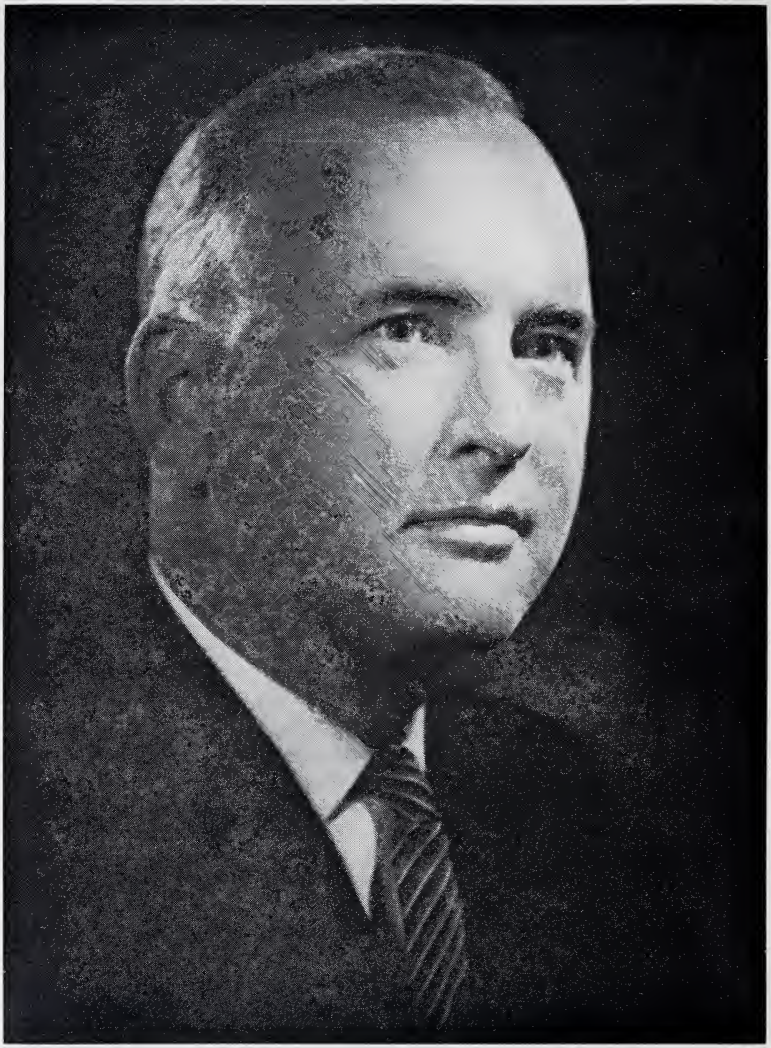

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Biography

WILLIAM HENRY BATES (son of George Joseph Bates), a Representative from Massachusetts, was born in Salem, Essex County, Mass., April 26, 1917; attended the public schools; was graduated from Worcester Academy in 1936, from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1940, and from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, Mass., in 1947; during World War II enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July 1940 and served until February 14, 1950, resigning his commission as lieutenant commander after being elected to Congress; elected as a Republican to the 81st Congress to fill the vacancy causd by the death of his father, George J. Bates; reelected to the 82d and to the nine succeeding Congresses and served from February 14, 1950, until his death in Bethesda, Md., June 22, 1969; interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Salem, Mass.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *June 23, 1969.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.—Galatians 6:2.

Eternal God, who hast called us to pray and to work, sustain us with Thy power that we may be daily mindful of Thy presence and ready to help bear the burdens of others.

Guide us with Thy spirit that we may understand this troubled time in which we live and so lead us that we may use our talents to bring forth the fruit of faithful living.

Grant unto us the wisdom to order the life of our Nation upon the principles of justice, righteousness, and good will.

Give us the readiness to render real service to Thee, our country, and our fellow man, that out of our efforts may come peace to our world, peace to our Nation, and peace to our own hearts.

Again death has invaded this Chamber. In the prime of his life our colleague has entered the life immortal. We thank Thee for his presence in our midst and for the contribution he made to our country through this body. Bless his family with the strength of Thy spirit and the comfort of Thy love: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sadness for it is my duty to officially notify this body of the passing of one of its finest Members—Representative WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

Mr. BATES, a Member of this body for 19 years and the senior minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, died of cancer yesterday at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He was 52 years old.

Death is always incomprehensible. But when it comes at an early

age, and when it strikes down a man possessed of the rare qualities so needed by a troubled country, it is doubly tragic.

For here was a man, Mr. Speaker, whose life was proof of the compatibility of service to both God and the state. He did not scrimp in his service to either. He rendered to both the very best he had.

Much can be said of the many fruitful years of service WILLIAM BATES gave to his country, both as a dedicated naval officer for nearly 10 years and as a distinguished and effective Member of the Congress for the past 19.

These are things which must and will be said for Mr. BATES' career was a model of the just use of power and position. Our country today needs such models.

But, as a personal friend, I shall always remember BILL BATES as the epitome of the Christian gentleman, the warm family man, the true and gentle friend. None of us is so blessed with such friends that we can easily afford the loss of one of them.

In this time of mourning, my heart goes out to his widow Jean, daughter Susan, and the rest of his family.

In the near future I will obtain a special order so that House Members may offer their individual eulogies.

Friends may call at the Gawlers Funeral Home today, 5130 Wisconsin Avenue, between 2 and 9 p.m.

A prayer service will be held at the funeral home today at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the body of the deceased will lie in Salem.

On Thursday at 11 a.m. the funeral will be held in Salem.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, the death of our colleague, BILL BATES, comes as a keen shock to all who knew him.

His death is a tragic example of the fierceness and voraciousness of cancer. Just a few short months ago, he was the picture of health—robust, cheerful, active. Yet, today, he is no longer with us in life.

Mr. Speaker, if there ever was a finer human being than BILL BATES, I did not know him. Intellectually, morally, physically, socially—in every way—he, indeed, was the perfect gentleman.

He came by all of these attributes naturally—nurtured by a splendid family and educational background. He was, indeed, a "chip off the old block." One need but look at his uniform success in public life to understand that he was imbued with the spirit and dedication of his

great father, the Honorable George Bates, whose seat he took in this House.

He, more than a lot of us, understood the temper and tide of the times, but he was never panicked by them. He did his work in this body, for his country, his State, and his district, better than most of us. And always, he found time to mingle with the people he represented and to identify himself with them. He was never a partisan in matters that affected his area. I suspect that the best proof of this is that he was continuously returned to represent a district, that, if not Democratic in makeup, is assuredly marginal politically.

Our Nation has lost a strong leader at a time that it can ill afford it. Our State of Massachusetts will miss him and his own district will remember him for what he was and what he did. I have lost a good and solid friend.

To his devoted wife, Jean, and to his daughter, Susan—to his entire family I extend my sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. KEITH. Mr. Speaker, the flag above the Capitol hangs at half mast today in tribute to our late friend and colleague, BILL BATES. The death of a Congressman is always marked by sadness as we recall past associations and achievements. But the death of BILL BATES is doubly tragic, for we mourn not only a distinguished past but an even more promising future lost.

BILL BATES was a politician in the finest sense of the word—a man whose purposes and accomplishments were utterly and completely in the public interest. In his 19 years in the House, BILL developed a reputation for fair-mindedness and knowledgeability that few exceeded. He was not known for loquacity—but just because he did not discuss and deliberate upon an issue at great length did not indicate that he was uniformed or disinterestd. On the contrary, he was so well-informed and so interested in issues—especially those affecting Massachusetts or the Armed Services Committee—that he often gave accurate off-the-cuff answers to extremely complicated questions, constantly impressing his colleagues with the scope of his knowledge.

This respect was shared not only by his colleagues in the House, but by his constituents, by his staff, by the staffs of the committees on which he served, and by the executive agencies with which he came in contact. All will feel keenly the loss of this admired and beloved man.

When I first came to Congress 10 years ago, BILL, although younger than I, was even then a veteran legislator. His calm exterior and deliberate manner may at times have given impression of an unawareness of the complexities of a situation—but only to those who did not know him. Subsequent developments invariably showed that BILL BATES mastered and understood even the most complicated issues in his field. And the fact that his constituents again and again returned him to Congress showed clearly his extraordinary political insight and judgment. This special competence and expertise, especially in military matters, will be sorely missed, by the Armed Services Committee, by the House, and by the Nation as a whole.

There are strong elements of the tragic in BILL BATES' untimely passing. For it was nearly 20 years ago that BILL's father, Representative George Bates, died in an airline crash here in Washington. The year after, BILL won a special election to succeed him. It is indeed tragic that now the son should follow the father—both dying while in service to the district they loved.

There is tragedy, too, in the fact that BILL has passed on in what many would consider the prime of life. He was relatively young, and exuded vigor and life. He always kept himself in fine physical condition, and was certainly among the most fit among our membership. It is especially saddening that this hale and hearty man should no longer be with us.

His death leaves a gap in our ranks that will be hard to fill. I know that I express the views of us all when I extend sincere condolences to his wife, Jean, his mother, Nora, his daughter, Susan, and to the many others who were privileged to call themselves his friends. If I may paraphrase what Benjamin Franklin's successor as Ambassador to Paris said centuries ago, "Someone may succeed BILL BATES in Congress—but no one can ever replace him."

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked, as was every Member of the House, to learn of the death of a very good and personal friend and a very outstanding Member of this House, our late beloved colleague, BILL BATES.

When I first came to Congress I served with the father of BILL BATES. I remember his tragic and untimely death.

When BILL was elected to succeed his father, his wife and little daughter came to live in the same apartment building in which Mrs. Albert and I lived. They were good neighbors. We became very well

acquainted with them early in BILL's service here in Congress, and we became very fond of them.

BILL has gone on to become one of the truly outstanding men in this House in his day. Ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services, a strong defender of a strong America, and an outstanding member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, he has made his contributions to the America of our time and to succeeding generations.

I shall miss him, my good friend.

Mrs. Albert joins me in extending our deepest personal sympathy to his wife, Jean, his mother, Nora, and his daughter, Susan.

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a very sad day for me as well as for all colleagues who have been privileged to serve with BILL BATES in this great legislative body. At a later date when eulogies will be held I will want to in detail make additional remarks on the life of this wonderful man. He was my close friend—one whom I admired and respected in every way.

My wife, Betty, joins me in extending our most sincere sympathy to his wonderful wife Jean and daughter Susan.

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing shock and sadness at the passing of one of the great Members of this body. BILL BATES had a personal relationship with every Member of this body. He had a warmth of character that permeated him. He had a sense of humor which was with him at all times. He was indeed a Congressman in the finest sense of the term.

He was a great American. I was pleased with the gentleman's description of BILL BATES' ability to serve his country and to serve his God with equal fervor and dedication. What finer tribute can be paid to a man?

I recall it was just about 2 months ago—it was longer than that, but fairly early in the year when I was not feeling very well and I was resting on a couch in the Democratic cloakroom. BILL BATES came in and we kidded a little bit. He said, "What is wrong?" I said, "I am not feeling very well." He said, "I haven't been feeling well, either." I said, "There is nothing wrong with you, there couldn't be."

He looked so robust and healthy and strong that it is incomprehensible that in so short a time a man who was physically strong and a mental giant should be stricken and taken from us.

So I have the same sense of loss that all of us must feel today. I join with all who have spoken in saying to his lovely wife and family, "God bless him and keep him."

Mr. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, how inadequate are words to express true sorrow.

How difficult it is to convey the feelings that lie deep in one's heart. Those of us who have lived by words find the words desert us in moments that touch us most deeply.

The death of Representative WILLIAM H. BATES brings over me a sense of loss that I cannot communicate. All of you know that BILL BATES was a Member of Congress for 19 years. He was the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee. He was the most knowledgeable Member in the Congress concerning matters of national defense. He was a man of learning, of great judgment, of integrity, of compassion, of thoughtfulness, and of honor.

But somehow he was more than the sum of all of these things. To those of us who had the gift of his friendship and the privilege of sharing with him responsibilities, he was a tower of strength out of all proportion to the position that elections and seniority can normally bring to a man.

More than any man that I can name, he had the temperament of a great legislator. This House has been privileged to know many men who were brilliant of mind, broad in judgment, possessed of great energy, capable of great warmth and friendship. But BILL BATES had the perfect combination of these qualities. He was a man who always looked on his duty as a legislator concerned with national defense not as developing skills for war, but as finding the means for peace.

In the Armed Services Committee we know already how greatly we will miss him. We have missed him terribly this year, but we always felt that somehow, some way, he would come back to us. We never said "if BILL returns"; we always said "When BILL returns."

In the months and years to come this House will miss him greatly.

The Nation never has had a time when it more sorely needs leaders with the equanimity of spirit that characterized BILL BATES.

I will miss him also as a true and treasured friend. The staff of the Armed Services Committee had particularly asked that I include in my remarks today an expression of their profound sorrow.

He leaves a great emptiness:

> He went down
> As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
> Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
> And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

I was deeply touched to hear that at the moment when BILL BATES died, when his life on earth was fading away, the national emblem was being raised and the national anthem was being played at Bethesda Naval Medical Center. How appropriate for one who was so truly a patriot.

Mrs. Rivers and I send out deepest sympathy to his lovely wife and daughter and the other members of the Bates family.

Mr. HAYS. Mr. Speaker, it was with a deep sense of shock that I heard on the car radio as I was driving back last night of the passing of BILL BATES.

BILL has been a member of the U.S. delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly, formerly known as the NATO Parliamentarians, for a long time. I have had the honor of being the chairman of the House delegation. He was a member who did us a lot of good in those meetings, because of his cheerful demeanor and his knowledge of the subject of military affairs. He was a member of the military committee.

I recall the trip we made to Brussels last November, at which he was his usual cheerful self. After the meeting in Brussels we paid a visit to Oslo, Norway, as guests of the Norwegian Parliament. I got a letter afterward from the U.S. Ambassador to Norway saying the visit had done a lot of good in American-Norwegian relations. I suspect that BILL BATES had as much to do with the success of that visit as all the rest of us put together, because he had the right touch. He said the right things at the right time.

We are going to miss him on that delegation.

Like the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, I also knew he was gravely ill, but somehow or other thought that he would be back, expected that he would be back—and of course, we all hoped that he would be back.

My sympathy goes out to his wife, who accompanied us last fall on that journey. I am sure that she will have many happy memories of that trip, in which he showed no indication of his fatal illness but was his usual, normal, ebullient, joyful, happy self.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, we have all lost a dear friend and a valued colleague. In my own case, I believe I have lost more, because I have lost a shipmate.

For 18 months BILL BATES and I steamed throughout the South Pacific aboard the U.S.S. *Miami*. When he came to our ship he was a bouncing young officer, fresh from Brown University. Naturally, we got to know each other well and intimately. He had that brightness, that bounce, and that happiness about him which immediately brought respect and appreciation and popularity both from the officers and the men. We got to know each other well as shipmates do when confined aboard a vessel for months at a time.

I respected him highly then, and that respect has increased over the years.

Naturally, it was with a great deal of pleasure I looked forward to joining him here in the Congress when I first came.

BILL BATES came by my office and greeted me, and from that point on many, many times befriended and helped me and did things that were thoughtful and kind. He was that kind of a colleague to all of us. The same kind of respect that he immediately brought aboard that ship I noticed permeated this Hall as shown by the respect that the various Members have extended to him. I rather imagine that the interest BILL developed in national defense came about because of his experiences in the early days of World War II. As the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services has said, BILL was perhaps the outstanding authority on military affairs in this House. He was a tremendous individual—happy, alert, and helpful. We will all miss him very much.

Mr. Speaker, I extend to his family my very deepest sympathy.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of serving with WILLIAM BATES' father, as I did with his son BILL BATES. I sat next to BILL BATES on the Committee on Armed Services for the past 17 years now, ever since 1952.

A great poet wrote many years ago—

> I have never talked to God and I have never been in heaven, but had I talked to God and had I been in heaven, this is a man.

I am sure that when this great poet wrote those words she had men like BILL BATES in mind. Among his legion of qualities was the fact that BILL BATES was a deeply religious man. I do not know how

many of the Members of the House knew it, but I doubt that there was a more devoutly religious Member of this House than BILL BATES.

The Lord working in strange and devious ways, I am sure the situation was thus: God needed BILL BATES, God wanted BILL BATES, God took BILL BATES, and he will be as helpful to God as he was to the world, to the Nation, and to his family.

Mr. O'NEILL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I too want to join the other Members of the Congress in expressing our deepest regret at the loss of our good friend, BILL BATES. I can truthfully say he was one of my closest friends. I knew his dad before I knew him, and I knew BILL since he was a young fellow. He was one of the finest men I have ever met. A real, outstanding Christian gentleman who lived up to the principles of his faith, and lived up to the principles of all good family men. A finer man never lived.

He had a great sense of wit, and a great sense of humility about him. He loved his fellow man.

Mr. Speaker, it is an old wives' tale that when someone good dies, a chill wind passes over the earth.

I feel that way now, not because of an old wives' tale, but because one of the warmest, kindest, most joyful men I have ever known has passed away.

BILL BATES was truly the most cheerful man on Capitol Hill. He was full of good will, of love and respect for his fellow man.

On the day I entered Congress he had already been here for almost 3 years. He was eager to share his experience and knowledge with the freshmen members of the Massachusetts delegation.

We worked closely together for more than 16 years. We shared a devotion to the Commonwealth and to the Nation.

He served his district well for 19 years, never for a moment overlooking the needs of the people.

BILL was one of the most knowledgeable men in the Nation on military matters, and was probably the best informed Member of Congress on the Navy. He was planning to make the Navy his career, when his father's abrupt and tragic death changed his plans. As a Member of Congress, elected to fill his father's seat, he continued to work for a modern, improved Navy.

BILL BATES worked closely with our beloved Speaker and me to help save the Boston Naval Shipyard, realizing its importance and knowing its role in the economic and military strength of the Nation.

We will all miss the gentleman from Massachusetts. We will miss having the benefit of his knowledge. The members of our delegation will miss his presence, his ideas, his devotion.

But more than all of this, more than his myriad contributions to the welfare of his district, the Commonwealth, and the Nation, we will miss BILL BATES, the man, our friend.

I do not know if I can convey what a wonderful man he was. He was like a warm light that dispelled darkness. We always knew when BILL was around. First we would hear his whistling, his jubilant walk, and there he would be—his smile making everyone else smile and be happy.

I will never forget March 12 of this year. I was having an early St. Patrick's Day party in my office. BILL, of course, was invited. He was going into the hospital so he could not stay.

But he came by to say hello to everyone, to talk a little. It was a happy party, but when he came in, it became absolutely joyful. There was something so good about the man that his presence enriched everyone—made them happier to be alive.

Only his close friends knew the pain he was in, and no one who saw him that night could believe anything was wrong with him.

That was the last time he was on Capitol Hill.

I saw him after that at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He did not talk about the great pain he was in, although it was apparent. He tried to cheer up others, and only God knows how, but he succeeded.

We talked about the things that concerned us—the problems of the Nation, the issues of the day. When we talked of personal things, it was not of what was happening to him; he was only concerned about his family and his staff—what was happening to them, he did not want them to suffer with him.

BILL's lovely wife Jean was there. No man has a greater helpmate. Knowing her, I know part of the reason BILL was so strong and so kind.

At one point, when things were going well, he talked about the future, about the good days outnumbering the bad. That was not the way things worked out, but it was his philosophy and his strength. The good days had outnumbered the bad—the good people were more numerous than the bad.

In the balance of life, all things good heavily outweigh all things bad. I believe the good was heavily weighted because BILL BATES lived, because he contributed so much to his time and his place.

In our age and especially in this place, the seat of power, there are men who have helped the Nation, men who have helped individuals. But rarely has one man done so such for the Nation as a whole, and also for everyone he met.

BILL BATES brightened the lives of us all. He was a tireless worker, a knowledgeable man, a dedicated humanist, whatever he did, wherever he went, lives were improved, cheered, made more human.

One of the characteristics of humanity is "other love"—caring for others. BILL did care, and made others care—not through the powers of persuasion, but because he was so good and because we were all better in knowing him.

My wife Millie and I extend our deepest sympathy to Jean and Susan, to the rest of his family and friends. There is nothing I can say to assuage their grief. But I hope they will always remember that because of them there were so many more good days than bad.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is with a saddened spirit that I rise today to pay tribute to an old and dear friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES. I was deeply grieved to learn of his untimely death.

Having attended St. James Parochial School in Salem, Worcester Academy, Brown University, and Harvard Business School, BILL entered the Navy. BILL served in the Navy until the tragic death of his father left vacant the congressional seat for the Sixth District of Massachusetts. In 1950 he was elected to that seat and remained in Congress since that time.

During these 11 terms in Congress he rose to be the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and second ranking minority member of the Joint Commission on Atomic Energy. For the past 4 years, he served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the NATO Parliamentarians Conference and was a member of the Conference's military committee.

A deeply religious man, BILL carried into his daily life the principles of Christianity, especially the commandment to "Love one another." For BILL BATES did love his fellow man. His entire life was a model of service and untiring efforts to improve the lives of those he served.

Until the very end he fought for those less fortunate. His example will remain a source of inspiration.

His loyalty, sincerity of purpose, high ideals, and personal warmth made him a devoted friend and called forth friendship in return. I know few men who commanded as much respect, admiration, and love from all he met. This fine man was rare, indeed. I shall always cherish the memory of his friendship.

My sympathy and my prayers are with Mrs. Bates and the family during this difficult time.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I was grief-stricken to hear of the untimely death of our friend and colleague, who was affectionately known to us as BILL BATES. BILL BATES was loved and admired by Members on both sides of the aisle, and in my 14 years in the Congress, I never heard a Member speak ill of him. On the other hand, Mr. Speaker, I never heard BILL BATES speak ill of another Member. He was always his jovial self, ready at all times to give of himself for any cause of his country or of this House.

During his years of service in this House he became a real specialist on the Armed Services Committee, and it was a real delight for me, Mr. Speaker, when BILL BATES and the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Mendel Rivers, appeared before our Committee on Rules seeking a rule on one of the bills from their Armed Services Committee. They always were in accord and spoke as a single voice for the defense of their country. They were never partisan and they were always prepared on the legislation at hand.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost one of our most respected Members, the country has lost a champion for a strong national defense, and the family of BILL BATES has lost a wonderful husband and father.

Mrs. Latta joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bates and the members of the family.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was certainly one of the most friendly and pleasant Members of our House of Representatives whom I have met here from the beginning of my career. BILL was always most helpful and available with a ready smile to assist in whatever area his ability and knowledge could be utilized. He had a sunny disposition and his cooperative attitude was outstanding among his many fine qualities. The House of Representatives is going to miss his engaging personality and congenial disposition.

BILL was also a leader among his colleagues and was highly respected for his intelligent and commonsense approach to our many national problems. He was the leader to whom we looked for advice relative to our military and defense matters and this fine knowledge will be sorely missed by his many friends here in the House.

Mrs. Schneebeli joins me in extending heartfelt sympathy to his fine family.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, it was with a deep sense of shock and sadness that I learned this morning of the untimely passing of our dear friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM HENRY BATES.

Although he had served nearly 20 years in the House of Representatives, BILL BATES was still a young man. His brilliant record is a measure of the loss to us and to our country that his passing means. BILL was a skilled and vigorous legislator. As the ranking minority member of the powerful Armed Services Committee, he filled one of the most important key posts in the House of Representatives. He inspired and won the confidence and friendship of his colleagues on both sides of the House. As a Democrat, I can say that I am among those who liked and admired BILL BATES and believed the Congress was the better for his service as a Member.

It is a tragedy that his brilliant career has been cut short, especially as he had so early in life earned the rank of senior statesman. We shall miss him as a jovial and kindly friend, as an indefatigable fellow worker, and as a patriotic American dedicated to the welfare of our country. I join in extending my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to his widow and the other members of his family.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I join my colleagues in mourning the untimely death of BILL BATES.

BILL and I both came to Congress about the same time. His election was the result of a tragedy in his family when his father who was the Congressman representing the same district in Massachusetts died in the airplane collision over National Airport. The people of that district elected BILL, who was on active duty with the Navy, to replace his father.

Since that time, he has served in the Congress with distinction. He rose to be the senior Republican member on the Armed Services Committee and one of the senior Republicans on the Atomic Energy Committee. The security and welfare of his country could not have

been in better hands. He handled his demanding responsibilities of his committee assignments with the same intelligence, insight, and love of country that he fulfilled his obligations to his constituents who continued to return him to Congress with overwhelming majorities.

Who knows what is in store for us in the master plan. In His wisdom, the good Lord saw fit to call BILL BATES, who was in his prime of life and still had much to give. He lived a fruitful and constructive life and his family and friends will remember with pride and honor his contribution to his country. Mrs. Springer joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bates and the family. Words are never adequate at a time like this, but perhaps the knowledge that the good thoughts and prayers of BILL's friends are with them will bring them some measure of comfort.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was a good friend of mine and a valued colleague. With his numerous other friends I learned with a sinking heart that he was under treatment for cancer. Until the end, we all hoped that his courage, coupled with modern medicine, would enable him to surmount this dread disease.

It is hard to imagine this House without BILL. By all normal expectations, he should have lived to serve his country for many more terms. As ranking minority member on the Armed Services Committee, he had achieved a position of great importance to the national security at an unusually early age. A career of ever-rising influence beckoned and this would have been greatly to the national good.

I shall always be grateful to BILL for his kindness and consideration to me when I first entered Congress in 1963. BILL always had time for a friendly word of advice. One characteristic of his struck me forcibly and made an impression on me which I have endeavored to copy during my own public service. It was the fact that no matter how solidly entrenched in office he was or how powerful he was in the councils of the Nation, he never for an instant forgot those who sent him down here to Washington. He knew they were the roots of democracy. No matter what his responsibilities demanded of him in Washington, his people at home had his first priority. I know this from constituents of mine who moved to New Hampshire from BILL BATES' district. They always praised BILL for this devotion to his people and, by so doing, set a high standard for me to follow in my own district.

BILL BATES exemplified the ideal legislator. Ever devoted to his electorate, he was courteous to his colleagues of both parties, hard working, a leader in the field of national defense, a man who loved his fellow man and thoroughly enjoyed his service to others. One never sat in BILL BATES' company that one did not gain something new and valuable from him. I shall miss him deeply and I know that this country will suffer the loss of his expertise and wisdom in national defense matters as we seek to steer a course through dangerous and troubled times.

I extend to his wife and family my deepest sympathy. We all share their loss.

Mr. ADAIR. Mr. Speaker, I share with others the shock and grief at the death of BILL BATES. He was certainly one of the most outstanding and capable Members of this House and of the entire U.S. Congress.

Coupled with his ability were other traits as well—a deep dedication to the performance of his duties, a broad knowledge on many subjects both domestic and foreign, and the zeal to perform as a dedicated Member of this body.

In addition to the comprehensive knowledge he had upon a great variety of subjects, he had a detailed and accurate understanding of the problems of his particular legislative activity—the armed services. Anyone who knew him knew of the devotion he brought to his service on the Committee on Armed Services and the vast contributions that he made in that respect.

Any remarks concerning BILL BATES should not be concluded without reference to his warm, friendly, and genial personality. Truly, he was outstanding in this respect and endeared himself to all those with whom he came in contact.

We shall miss him as a colleague, as a great public servant, and as a devoted American. Mrs. Adair joins me in expressing our deep sympathy to all members of his family.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES is deeply mourned by all the Members of this body who knew his outstanding capabilities as a legislator and who loved him as a true and loyal friend. WILLIAM BATES dedicated almost 20 years of his life to the enactment of legislation which would improve the lives of his fellow citizens and safeguard the

country that he served so well. The Nation will long be grateful for the great heritage he leaves by his accomplishments.

Mrs. Rhodes joins me in deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bates and the family in their bereavement, and hope they will take some measure of comfort in knowing their loss is shared by so many.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and a sense of deep loss that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the late Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts.

It was my privilege to serve in the House in the first session of the 81st Congress with his beloved father. The tragic air collision in 1949 deprived this body of the able senior Congressman Bates, but it was fortunate for us to have his son succeed him and serve so well.

He represented his district, his State, and his country for many years with dedication and devotion. Congressman BATES was to us who served with him, above all, a gentleman, with all the virtues that term implies. As he kept the quiet tenor of his ways, he was unfailing in his courtesy and a model of gentility.

During his tenure in the House he was determined that our country's security be preserved. His outstanding work on the House Armed Services Committee is well known. BILL BATES championed the cause of an adequate military force. He was, however, always insistent that civilian supremacy be maintained in the military operations of our Nation. His presence on the Armed Services Committee and in this legislative body will be sorely missed.

My wife joins me in expressing deep sympathy to his beloved wife Pearle, his daughter Susan, his mother, and his family. May they derive some small consolation from the knowledge that their loss is shared by his many friends and in the thought that the good Lord has chosen him to be among His very own.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and grieved when I heard the newscast yesterday announcing the passing of our colleague, WILLIAM BATES. He was beyond question one of the most admired and liked Members of the House of Representatives. He had outstanding ability as a legislator and was industrious, diligent, and competent in his work as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, and active in other legislation pertaining to the welfare of his district, State, and Nation.

I was long acquainted with his father, Congressman George Bates, whom he succeeded after his father's unfortunate death in an air-

plane accident about 20 years ago. I served on the Naval Affairs Committee in the 79th Congress when his father was a member of that committee. I also served on two naval subcommittees with his father during the World War II period.

BILL was a worthy successor of his illustrious father. He was a great advocate of our defense system and he especially made a major contribution, by reason of his long experience and knowledge, to our Naval Establishment.

BILL displayed the same efficient and outstanding legislative ability as his illustrious father.

Every Member of Congress and all his friends mourn his passing at such an early age during a productive and fruitful life. I extend to his wife, daughter, and members of his family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. EVINS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this means of joining my colleagues from Massachusetts and others in paying a brief but sincere tribute to our beloved friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES.

I was indeed saddened to learn of the passing of BILL BATES, one of the most personable and genial Members serving in the House.

He was a hardworking member of the Committee on Armed Services and contributed much to the strengthening of the national defense and the security of our country during his service in the Congress.

I knew his father whom he succeeded in the Congress—devotion and dedication to public service were in the tradition of the Bates family.

Suddenly, this young colleague has given his life at an early age and my deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bates and other members of the family in their loss and bereavement.

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, I am very deeply touched and grieved by the untimely passing of my esteemed and dearly beloved friend, BILL BATES. He was one of the great men of the Congress—able, distinguished, informed, and profoundly concerned about giving every measure of his fine mind and big heart to the service of our country and its people.

He was a tower of strength on our Armed Services Committee and the Atomic Energy Committee, and his leadership contributed greatly to our deliberations and work in the committee and the House.

Congressman BATES was an indefatigable worker and always gave of himself unstintingly in seeking solutions to the great problems before us. He was a man of sound judgment, and served his district, State, and Nation unselfishly, conscientiously, and with great ability and dedication.

He was truly one of our great national leaders as well as an invaluable representative of his own district, our State, and Nation. He was respected, admired, and loved by all of us.

Strong of body and character, firm in his convictions, noble of purpose, dedicated beyond measure, the warmth and sincerity of his personality, his loyalty and fine human qualities won for him the high regard, appreciation, and affection of the people.

A statesman and patriot of the first magnitude, he will long be gratefully remembered by his constituents, State, and Nation, and will never be forgotten by those of us who had the honor and privilege to serve our country with him, to know him well and call him our friend.

His great knowledge of military and scientific matters enabled him to make invaluable contributions time and time again.

BILL BATES has performed great and enduring service to our country. He has served far beyond the call of duty. Now, in truth, after his hard labors, he has fallen at his post like a soldier in battle.

We shall miss his warm friendship, his invariable cooperation, his unselfish, dedicated approach to his work. I extend my prayers and most heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife Jean, his lovely daughter Susan, his wonderful mother and all his dear ones. I join them in mourning the loss of this great American and dear friend, and pray that the good Lord will bring them reconciliation and peace in the tragic, sad bereavement they have sustained.

Mr. BURLESON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of our departed friend and colleague BILL BATES.

I know of no man who had a wider friendship in this House of Representatives than did BILL BATES. I know of no Member who

held greater respect among his associates. He was recognized as a leader and as a dedicated public servant.

We will all miss his pleasant association, his wonderful personality, and his understanding and considerateness in the long association we have had with him here in the House of Representatives.

I join those who have expressed their sympathy and condolence to his fine family.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, the late Representative of the Sixth District of Massachusetts. He will be sorely missed here in the House where he served with distinction since 1950.

I had the distinct pleasure of serving with BILL on the House Select Committee on Survivor's Benefits back in the early 1950's and I still recall his great concern for the welfare of the serviceman's survivors. Because of his some 10 years of service in the Navy, he was a most influential member of this committee and contributed greatly to its success.

I also had the privilege of serving with BILL's father, the late George Bates, on the House District Committee when I first came to Congress, and BILL was much like his father in his desire to serve his people in the best way possible. He will be sorely missed in this body, but his record will stand for a long time and his family can be proud of his achievements.

Mr. DONOHUE. Mr. Speaker, together with every Member of this House on both sides of the aisle and many, many thousands of people throughout our country and Commonwealth, I am, indeed, deeply saddened at the passing of my dear friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

Over a period of 19 of the most challenging legislative years in our history, he served this Nation, his State, his district, and this House with dedicated integrity, wisdom, diligence, and effectiveness. His unsurpassed zeal and industry in the fulfillment of his committee assignments, legislative responsibilities, and personal concern for the solution of constituents' problems is a byword in this House and our Commonwealth.

Affectionately known as BILL to almost everyone, he was a man entirely without pretension. Above and beyond all other things, he

was beloved by all of us because of his humble attitude, his compassionate understanding, his patient tolerance, his optimistic disposition, his quiet humor, his genuine friendship, and his ever-kindly heart.

The legend of his great generous spirit will forever brighten the annals and the atmosphere of this Chamber. His personal example provides for all of us here and those who will come after a permanent inspiration of wholesomeness and honor in patriotic service, for which this Congress and this Nation will remain forever grateful.

BILL BATES will be sorely missed by everyone ever privileged to know him.

In this time of great loss and sorrow, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his gracious wife, Jean, his wonderful daughter, Susan, his mother, and his brothers and sisters, while we join in our prayers that the great soul of our beloved, departed friend will rest in heavenly peace.

Mr. HÉBERT. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy—I have lost a friend.

I mourn my loss, but also that of all of you.

I will miss BILL BATES, just as I did his father before him.

I had served with BILL's father on the District Committee and the old Naval Affairs Committee. He was a great and honorable man. It was therefore a pleasure to welcome young BILL BATES to Congress when he succeeded his father.

We in this Chamber who have known and worked with BILL BATES for many years are the poorer for his passing. We have all benefited from his ability, his wisdom, his dedication, his sincerity, and most importantly, his honesty.

As Hawthorne said:

Death is so genuine a fact that it excludes falsehood or betrays its emptyness; It is a touchstone that proves the gold, and dishonors the baser metal.

Now that BILL BATES has left us, the fact of his death enables us to assess with greater clarity the wisdom and depth of his character as a man and his contributions to America as a lawmaker.

BILL BATES' personal and public life were exemplary. The moral principles which he uttered as a public figure were those which he also observed as a devoted husband and father. It can, in truth, be

said—he lived and died as a Christian. His quiet and resolute dedication to his Christian principles were ever present in the discharge of his constitutional responsibilities in representing the Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts. The voters of his district knew this and provided him with constantly greater majorities in each succeeding Congress.

Those of us who worked daily with BILL BATES on the Committee on Armed Services are keenly aware of his indispensable contribution to our national security. His presence on the committee was the mortar which bound the members on both sides of the aisle to an objective nonpartisan approach to our national security problems. His objective insight into the most complex issues contributed immeasurably towards the resolution of the most controversial issues confronting our committee and the Congress. His premature death therefore creates a vacuum in our committee and in the Congress which defies resolution.

It has been said that "heaven gives its favorites early death." I know that BILL BATES must be one of heaven's favorites since he labored so diligently and faithfully for his God, his country, and his fellow man.

Mr. GRIFFIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I learned of the death of our colleague, BILL BATES. Our departed friend and fellow Member was a very useful and effective Member of the House; one whom was both respected and respectful.

The loss of the services of BILL BATES to his district, State, and Nation is great, indeed, inasmuch as he was in the prime of life—only 52 years of age.

It was my privilege to have known BILL BATES for nearly two decades. He was always friendly and cheerful. He had an unusual zest for life. He was always kind and courteous.

The absence of BILL BATES from the House will be felt by every Member. I extend my sympathy to his family.

Mr. McCORMACK. As the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Conte) in his opening remarks stated, a time will be set aside in the near future for Members to eulogize our late friend BILL BATES and his memory. It is not my purpose at this time to enter into an extended eulogy. However, I do want to convey to Mrs. Bates and her daughter and other loved ones, as Speaker of the House of Representatives, for myself personally and for all of the Members of

the House, our deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow. They can derive great consolation from their knowledge that our late friend was one of the outstanding Members of Congress. He served his country with great dedication and with extraordinary courage. He was one of the most beloved Members of the House of Representatives without regard for political party or affiliation.

I shall make more extended remarks when a time is set aside for the eulogies.

As the Speaker of the House, for myself and for my colleagues, I wish to convey to Mrs. Bates, her daughter, and other loved ones the profound feelings of sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. JOHNSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, he is a kind man. He is a great man. These are some of the words used during his lifetime in describing BILL BATES. I have never known a finer, more gracious, more dedicated person.

Early in my congressional career, one of the Members that really went out of his way to be helpful and real nice to me was BILL. I am sure that the words that I am here expressing echo the thoughts of others when we remember this fine man.

BILL BATES was meant in his lifetime to be a servant of the people. In 1950, thrust onto the national scene when his father suffered a tragic death, he was ready to be an outstanding Member of Congress. He had completed his college career and had achieved a master's degree in business administration. He had been a brilliant member of the U.S. Navy participating in naval assaults in Iwo Jima and the Japanese mainland, and had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander.

He was a happily married man and the father of a daughter.

He was a patriotic, loyal American and knew the problems facing our great Nation, and as a member of the Armed Services Committee and the Joint Atomic Energy Committee gave those two committees the benefit of his training, experience, and wisdom. He was one of the most able Members of Congress, and now as we say farewell to our dear friend and colleague, we extend to his family our deepest sympathy, and to his district and Nation the reminder that we have lost a distinguished and capable Representative.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Speaker, the tragic passing of our deeply beloved colleague WILLIAM BATES has shocked us all. His life of dedi-

cated service to his country will be an inspiration to generations yet unborn. A statesman of the very highest quality and effectiveness, he was a warm and delightful person, superior in intellect and character, yet humble, understanding and loving in all his associations. Our deepest sympathy goes from each of us to his beloved wife and family.

Mr. SMITH of New York. Mr. Speaker, on this, the day of his funeral, I join all of the colleagues of Representative WILLIAM HENRY BATES, of Massachusetts, and his host of friends in expressing sorrow at the untimely death of our friend. He was a man of intelligence and learning and compassion, a man of great loyalties to his friends, his constituents and his country, a man upon whom to depend—in short, a fine friend and a fine Representative. We are all richer for knowing him and for his service in the House of Representatives, and we are all poorer for his untimely leaving this life. We shall all miss him.

Mr. BROOMFIELD. Mr. Speaker, we all feel a deep sense of loss today caused by the passing of one of our most beloved and distinguished colleagues. BILL BATES will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him. BILL BATES was a quiet, sincere, and dedicated American. He was a man molded in the image of the best American traditions.

I can recall seeking his expert advice and counsel on many, many occasions, especially in matters dealing with national security. BILL BATES was that kind of man—the kind you felt you could turn to for advice in deciding a matter of conscience. His advice was always offered in the most gracious and helpful manner. As the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, his expertise and up-to-date information were unquestioned. And, we could depend that in matters affecting national security, BILL BATES always put sincere good judgment above any potential for partisan gain.

It was typical of BILL BATES' character that he began in public life by selflessly laying aside his chosen career in the U.S. Navy. He did so to continue serving the people of Massachusetts in the fine tradition of his father, the Honorable George J. Bates, following the latter's untimely death in an air crash. BILL BATES assumed his new career with the same vigor and dedication that he devoted to every task he undertook.

Mr. Speaker, no one can describe adequately the grief BILL BATES' family and loved ones are suffering at this moment. All of us who knew and admired him are experiencing somewhat the same sense of tragedy. But the real loss has been suffered by the American people—the American people to whom BILL BATES devoted his life and energy. Although his quiet and self-effacing nature may have made him a remote and even an unknown figure to many Americans, he was their friend and their servant during all of his years in Congress. America cannot afford to lose men of the caliber of BILL BATES.

I know, Mr. Speaker, that each one of us here today joins in extending the most sincere condolences to Mrs. Bates, their daughter Susan, and the rest of his family.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of WILLIAM H. BATES, our friend and colleague. We mourn the passing of a tireless worker and a respected friend and associate.

In the 19 years that he served his country and his district, both on the Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, he set a standard of loyalty and dedication which all of us may admire. The loss of a man of such integrity, knowledge, and honor must be deeply regretted and mourned by each of us.

Mrs. Corman and I join in extending our condolences and sympathy to the family.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to the memory of a man who was a dedicated public servant, an able legislator and a true gentleman.

Congressman WILLIAM BATES served on the other side of the aisle and although he was strongly partisan, he was never antagonistic. The high respect and admiration that he earned from all of us was only surpassed by the warm friendship and personal affection which he evoked from those of us who knew him.

During the years that I served here with him, I was always impressed by his capable and effective manner of getting things accomplished for his district and for our Nation. Without creating a great stir and fanfare, he accomplished much and was an example for all of us.

It was with pleasure and respect that I served in the Congress with BILL BATES. We will feel his absence as the days go by. I offer my

condolences to his wife, Jean, and his daughter, Susan. They can be proud of a husband and father who gave many years of his life in the service of the people of his district and the Nation.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in expressing my deep sorrow and in paying tribute to a great American. It was only a short time ago that I saw my dear friend, BILL BATES, energetically endeavoring to do his very best for his district, for his State and for his Nation as a whole.

I will never forget his sharp wit and outstanding sense of humor. He was the type of person who never passed by without acknowledgment and a cheerful remark. Certainly we will all never forget him—his 19 years as a Member of this House of Representatives are a credit to this institution.

His untimely death is surely one that is a double tragedy, for not only will his presence in this Chamber be missed as one who contributed more than his share, but as one who promised to be even more prominent in the future.

My wife, Regina, and I, would like to offer our most sincere condolences and express our deepest regrets and sympathy to his wife, Jeannie, his daughter, Susan, and his entire family.

His death is a great loss to our country, for throughout his life, BILL BATES has continuously served this Nation in the Armed Forces and in this body, and I feel a deep sense of personal loss at his untimely passing.

Mr. WYMAN. Mr. Speaker, as all Members are, I am profoundly shocked and deeply regretful that our fine colleague BILL BATES, a very distinguished Member of this body, is no longer with us. BILL was beloved by all of us—regardless of our political affiliations. He deserved this love, for he was a fine and respected Congressman.

I do not know how to put into words the depth of feeling that pervades my entire being as I realize that God has taken BILL BATES to Heaven and that he will not be here again except in spirit. Somehow it does not seem right. Rarely is there to be found such a man, such a leader, such a dedicated adherent of principle as WILLIAM BATES.

His life was an example of courage and devotion. His smile and ready offer of assistance was extended to every constituent and every Member. He loved nature as well as his church and it was my priv-

ilege to share with him and his lovely wife Jean, the happiness and contentment of BILL's cottage on the shores of Lake Winnipesaukee in my own great State of New Hampshire. It was there that BILL found relaxation and a sense of fulfillment in his leisure time—which for BILL was all too infrequent. Between blueberries, which abounded on his property, and white sandy shores along a beautiful lake, spring-fed with drinking water under powder-puff clouds amidst a sky of azure, BILL was the happiest I have ever known him. It is a crime that the Lord did not permit him to have more time there, for certainly he earned it.

I guess the only way to look at BILL's tragic passing is to conclude that God has more important work for BILL elsewhere. His life and his accomplishments are a living testimonial to a man whose greatness was to be seen in everything he did and everyone with whom he came in contact. Few Members of Congress have enjoyed the universal respect and warm admiration that was extended to the gentleman from Salem, Mass. He was indeed a good man in the fullest sense of that phrase, and to a man we of the House of Representatives mourn his passing and extend to his beloved widow Jean, his daughter, his brothers, and his family our deepest sympathy and our heartfelt sorrow.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 450

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, a Representative from the State of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That a committee of fifty-seven of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr.

McCormack, Mr. Gerald R. Ford, Mr. Philbin, Mr. Donohue, Mr. Boland, Mr. O'Neill of Massachusetts, Mr. Macdonald of Massachusetts, Mr. Burke of Massachusetts, Mr. Conte, Mr. Keith, Mr. Morse, and Mrs. Heckler of Massachusetts.

Also Mr. Rivers, Mr. Arends, Mr. Hébert, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Holifield, Mr. O'Konski, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Price of Illinois, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Aspinall, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bray.

Also, Mr. Byrne of Pennsylvania, Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Gubser, Mr. Hosmer, Mr. Bob Wilson of California, Mr. Lennon, Mr. Young, Mr. Pirnie, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Randall, Mr. Anderson of Illinois, Mr. Clancy.

Also, Mr. Hagan, Mr. Hall, Mr. Ichord, Mr. King, Mr. Pike, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Nedzi, Mr. Leggett, Mr. Charles H. Wilson of California, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Long of Louisiana, Mr. White, Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Whalen, Mr. Mollohan, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Daniel of Virginia, and Mr. Whitehurst.

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

ADDRESS BY HON. L. MENDEL RIVERS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. Speaker, encomiums concerning the late WILLIAM H. BATES continue to come in. In this connection, I am in receipt of a letter from our former colleague, the Honorable A. Sydney Herlong, Jr. I insert his letter at this point:

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RAILROADS,
Washington, D.C., June 23, 1969.

Hon. L. MENDEL RIVERS,
Chairman, House Committee on Armed Services,
Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I heard your remarks on the floor of the House today in tribute to the memory of our dear friend BILL BATES. They were most fitting and beautifully delivered. I know you were under a great emo-

tional strain because your heart was so heavy. I know how well you two worked together and what a loss his passing is to the Committee on Armed Services, to our country and to you personally.

I just want you to know that I share your sorrow. Having served with BILL in the House of Representatives for 19 years I had come to love him as a brother. We were in each other's homes often and truly the Good Lord never made a finer man. I have not known one who had more genuinely outstanding qualities than BILL BATES. He spent a weekend with me and some other friends just before he went into the hospital. I had the opportunity to visit him several times during his illness. He was, of course, most uncomfortable, but he never lost that ebullient spirit which endeared him to all who knew him. I came away from my visits feeling enriched by the very fact that I had been in his presence. Of him it can truly be said this world is a better place because he passed this way. As you said, your Committee, the Congress and our country are poorer because of this great loss—but we have some wonderful memories that we will carry with us always.

Thank you for the fine job you did.

Most sincerely,

A. SYDNEY HERLONG, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, there is little that can be added to the tributes that have been paid to the memory of the late Honorable WILLIAM BATES.

To say that he will be missed is an understatement of the highest order. But I would like to include in the Record at this time a letter I have received from one of the most outstanding naval officers in the history of our Nation, Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover.

Admiral Rickover's tribute is eloquent and sincere and I know that it will bring comfort to Mr. BATES' family to know of the high esteem which Admiral Rickover held for BILL BATES.

The letter follows:

U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION,
Washington, D.C., June 24, 1969.

Hon. L. MENDEL RIVERS,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. RIVERS: It is my understanding that members of the House of Representatives are planning to include in the Record comments concerning the distinguished service Congressman WILLIAM HENRY BATES gave his country during his 19 years as a member of the House. If it is appropriate, I would appreciate it greatly if you could include this letter.

I have known and respected Congressman BATES since his election two decades ago, and it is with deep sorrow that I learned of his death. All of

us in the naval program who have been in any way associated with him, as well as many others, have reason to regret his death.

Over the many years that I have been responsible for the Navy's nuclear propulsion program, my respect for this distinguished American has continuously grown. He was always available when I asked to visit with him. No matter how pressed he was for time he befriended and helped me. It was a comfort to be able to go to him for his wisdom, his objectivity, and his kindly advice. I am proud to have been associated with so fine a gentleman and patriot who did such honor to his country and to his state.

I speak from personal experience when I say that the support he unfailingly gave as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy contributed immeasurably to our nuclear Navy—which is today a major factor in preserving peace. He was a wise man, a good friend; kind and warmhearted. His accomplishments will be better understood in the future.

Expressions of condolence always sound hollow and inadequate. But Congressman Bates was so unusual a man in every respect that I can't help writing to say that I feel his death as a personal loss.

Respectfully,

H. G. Rickover.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

WILLIAM HENRY BATES

ADDRESS BY HON. SILVIO O. CONTE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, we are setting aside this portion of our day to mourn the passing of one of our finest colleagues, Representative WILLIAM H. BATES, and to eulogize his memory. We honor and mourn a man who was not only a friend cherished by so many of us, but also an example of a dedicated public servant worthy to be followed by anyone in political life.

Congressman BATES devoted his entire life to the service of his country—as a naval officer, and then, upon the untimely death of his father, as a Member of this body. His conduct throughout this career was that of a gentleman and a devout Christian. He was successful and, indeed, powerful, but so restrained was his use of his position and so warming his geniality that he remained throughout his 11 terms one of the best-loved Members of this House.

We have already heard testimonials on this floor to the acute sense of loss that BILL BATES' passing has caused us. Our own words always seem inadequate to express such personal emotions, and on these occasions we turn for aid to the poets. We feel of BILL BATES as with Shakespeare's Henry the Fifth. The earth, that bears thee dead, bears not alive so stout a gentleman.

Few in this House can fill the lonesome place left by the death of Congressman BATES. As the ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, he was among the most expert and competent Members of the House on military affairs and was universally acknowledged as our best-informed man on the Navy. He was a champion of the nuclear Navy, the main bulwark of national security during several trying years, and tended to this concern as second ranking minority House Member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. But Congressman BATES prepared for war in order to secure the peace. He was also deeply concerned with the peaceful development and use of atomic energy.

Congressman BATES had gathered much of his personal expertise from success in his chosen career, service in the Navy. In his 10 years in the service, he rose from apprentice seamen to the rank of lieutenant commander. One of his shipmates, now a distinguished Congressman from Texas, has recalled the impression he made on his fellow sailors:

> He had that brightness, that bounce, and that happiness about him which immediately brought respect and appreciation and popularity both from the officers and the men.

This promising career was sadly interrupted in 1949, when his father, Congressman George J. Bates, died in an airplane crash here in Washington. The son decided to carry the standard of his father, and won a special election to the House in February 1950. Sacrificing the naval career he loved, he entered the complex and ambiguous world of politics, a world filled with temptation and lacking the simple standard of military honor by which he had previously lived. It was in the honorable and successful comportment of his new duties that Congressman BATES earned the enduring respect and affection of the Members of this House. A distinguished former Representative, the Honorable Dewey Short, spoke with deep admiration at BILL BATES' funeral of those years, watching him "sprout and grow and develop and expand—grasping the significance of the many conflicts—international as well as national and local problems that confront our people in these troublesome times."

It was after these years of growth that many of us came to know Mr. BATES as a model of the integrity and geniality essential to public service. We all looked forward to many more years of work in his cheering and brightening company. Losing him was a double blow, once to lose his warm and cherished friendship, but again, and more severe, to lose the contribution he would have made to the public good by his powers and potential.

His eulogist, Dewey Short, describes the example Congressman BATES set for his colleagues:

> BILL BATES was a man of unimpeachable integrity, of indefatigable energy, of a noble but not a consuming ambition.

But as personal friends, we found in him a model for personal conduct as well. He was kind and gentle, yet firm with high moral ideals deeply rooted in his religious convictions. It was this memory,

of Bill Bates as personal friend, which remains with me today, the memory of a man who could be called the epitome of the Christian gentleman, the warm family man, the true and gentle friend.

The graveside eulogy follows:

Eulogy Mass for William Henry Bates

(Eulogy Given at Funeral Mass at St. James Church, Salem, Mass., by Former Congressman Dewey Short of Missouri, One-Time Chairman of House Armed Services Committee Who Served on That Committee With Both Wiliam Bates and His Father, George Joseph Bates)

O, world

"O world, thou chooseth not the better part!
It is not wisdom to be only wise,
And on the inward vision close the eyes;
But it is wisdom to believe the heart.

"Columbus found the world, and had no chart
Save one that faith deciphered in the skies;
To trust the soul's invincible surmise
Was all his science and his only art.

"Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine
That lights the pathway but one step ahead
Across a void of mystery and dread.

"Bid, then, the tender light of faith to shine
By which alone the mortal heart is led
Unto the thinking of the thought divine."

—Santayana.

Life begins and ends in mystery. But life is deeper than logic, for the heart has reason and reason knows not how. The sum of our finite mind has difficulty understanding why any man with the high qualities of statesmanship, with the personal character, and with the noble service of William Henry Bates, should be snatched from our midst at the age of 52. He had gone a long way in those 52 years and there were many years ahead filled with rich promise, in our own minds and estimation. But the good Lord's ways are not always our ways nor His thoughts our thoughts, and He works miraculously, His wonders to perform.

And when we think the Great Teacher—the greatest man who ever walked the earth—was nailed to a cross at the age of 33, we are made to realize that it is not how long a man lives but how much he lives that really counts. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "I would rather wear out than to rust out," and though every man wants to live as long as he can, and there is nothing in this life we cling to so tenaciously as life itself, I doubt if many of us would want to have the dubious reputation of Methuselah—just for being remembered because of our old age.

When one stops to think that George Joseph Bates, the father of the son we mourn today, who without too many advantages and after serving in the state

legislature and as mayor of this historic city, and who for seven terms was elected to the Congress of the United States and then tragically killed in an airplane crash over the nation's capital at the age of 59, and then when we think of this worthy son of an illustrious father who was elected for ten terms to the Congress of the United States after nearly ten years of honorable and distinguished service in the United States Navy, after serving so faithfully and well his God and his country, both in time of war and time of peace, we realize that, after all, God in his appointed time, and who knows much better than we know what is right and when to call his beloved home, was wise—difficult as it is for us to understand and sorrowful as it is to give up those whom we love.

Too many men in history have lived too long for their fame. But George Joseph Bates and his son WILLIAM HENRY BATES went out at the pinnacle of their careers, after the magnificent contributions that they made in their chosen fields. They were returned to Washington to represent Salem, this old historic city, and this great Congressional District, as well as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and indeed the entire nation, because the votes of George and BILL BATES affected the 400,000 people in my District in southwest Missouri on great national issues as much as it affected you. But the fact that year after year and term after term father and son were returned by the great constituency of this congressional district is a more beautiful tribute and speaks more eloquently to the high esteem, great respect, the air of confidence and the fond affection in which they were held than any words that I might utter here this morning.

It was interesting to have been associated and to have worked with these two men day in day out on the Committee on Armed Services in the Congress and to see this young man giving up his commission as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy that he loved so much to come to Washington and then to watch him sprout and grow and develop and expand and grasp the significance of the many conflicts—international as well as national and local problems—that confront our people in these troublesome times.

BILL BATES loved people and they loved him. George was a diamond in the rough—stalwart, strong, sturdy and durable as the granite of New England. Conscientious, hard-driving, absolutely honest, his son BILL was more than a chip off the old block. He had inherited his father's rugged physique and dynamic energy, but he was a polished stone because of the tenderness and kindness and sympathetic understanding of his dear mother. What a combination rubbed off in this young man who entered the Congress and who because of his personal worth and individual efforts rose to become ranking member on the powerful Committee on Armed Services.

BILL BATES was a man of unimpeachable integrity, of indefatigable energy, of a noble but not a consuming ambition, but with a burning desire to help others. Never did he envy those who had more than he possessed, but he was always trying to help those who were less fortunate. He was kind and gentle, yet firm with high moral ideals deeply rooted in his religious convictions. And morality that is not rooted deeply and sincerely in such

convictions is a pretty anemic and weak morality that cannot stand up against the temptations that confront a man in public life.

It wasn't merely because of his knowledge—and he had knowledge. He gained from all of it new spirit, more at Brown and then Harvard, but neither Brown nor Harvard could ever rob him of his vast, vast knowledge in spirit and inherited shrewdness.

Bill Bates had gumption—he could stand up for a cause whether it was popular or unpopular. He would rather be right in the long run. And so, after ten years of service in his country's armed forces during and following the war, and after nearly 20 years of service in the Congress of the United States where, because of his rugged honesty, his noble ideals, his accommodating spirit, his willingness and eagerness to help others in all matters, he won for himself an everlasting and imperishable place in the hearts of his colleagues, as attested to by the beautiful tributes paid to him by members of both parties on the floor of the House on Monday of this week.

Bill Bates was young and vigorous and full of idealism and full of the love of his Maker. He wore a smile that would never wear off. How I enjoyed at the end of long and tedious and controversial hearings, sometimes bitter and acrimonious debate, how I enjoyed in basking in the sunshine of his smile. He was so congenial, so convivial, so jovial, so joyous, so full of life! He loved the old, the young, the black and the white, the rich and the poor. That is the reason they all loved him because never in my life did I hear Bill Bates say anything mean about anybody. He wasn't small and petty or selfish, envious or jealous, and that is the reason why I suppose I have never heard anybody say anything mean or really derogatory about Bill Bates.

He voted as he talked; he talked as he voted. He lived as he believed; he believed as he lived. So finally, my brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, hang on to these things.

Bill Bates thought on those things and he did those things, chiefly because he was brought up in a Christian home with close ties with father and mother and brothers and sisters. He had good judgment and balanced sense—wisdom and good judgment are even more valuable and necessary than knowledge. He showed that good judgment when he married a fine Christian young lady from my state of Missouri. To you, Jean, and to his lovely daughter Susan, who was the apple of his eye and always brought devotion, with dedication he served both of you and proudly loved you as he did his Dad and his Mother and his brothers and his sisters. Ah, you naval officers had it easy to train Bill Bates because he was taught some discipline at home from the cradle up. It was because he had a disciplined mind and a disciplined life, a pure heart, a clean mind and willing hands that he learned to control himself as well as to know himself. He learned to obey orders as well as to give commands.

God knows we need more men like WILLIAM HENRY BATES.

When I came to Salem on two different occasions years ago—a quarter of a century now—to speak for George Bates, and later in another campaign over at Haverhill, and then when I returned after he was tragically killed in Washington in 1949 to speak at the dedication of the little memorial you have here for him, I know how you people loved both father and son as they both loved you.

Last Sunday morning at seven o'clock, with his eyes closed and drawing his last few breaths on this earth, with his devoted and helpful wife sitting at his side holding his hand—at seven o'clock Sunday morning our national emblem, the American flag, was raised at Bethesda Naval Hospital, the band struck up our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, BILL BATES opened his eyes widely and looked heavenward.

Would to God that many of the youth of America could have witnessed that scene. God help you and me and all our progeny to learn something from this life that has been spent in the service of his God, of his country, and of his fellow men. When BILL BATES opened his eyes as the flag was raised and the anthem played, I am sure that a still small voice whispered in his ear—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

God bless, comfort and keep the mother, wife, daughter, brothers and sisters and all the members of his noble family in the hollow of His hand. God help you and me as Americans to go forth and defend the principles for which he stood.

EDITORIAL TRIBUTES

Newspapers serving Representative BATES' congressional district editorially honored his memory and service. The following are typical of these tributes:

[From the Salem (Mass.) Evening News, June 23, 1969]

WE ARE ALL SAD

One of nature's deadliest diseases ended the life Sunday of U.S. Representative WILLIAM H. BATES of Salem at the age of 52.

We are all sad.

Representative BATES, as the worthy son of a great Salem mayor and congressman himself, the late George J. Bates, was a credit to his family, the city, his congressional district and the Nation he loved so much.

"BILL" BATES was an affable, warm human being who sat at the right hand of power in the Nation's capital for a score of years but never lost the common touch.

It is one thing in life to have been given the opportunity for success and it is still another to be able to grasp it and expand on it.

This was what BILL BATES was able to do.

His parents, both of humble origin, raised an astounding family. BILL was educated at two Ivy League schools, Brown and Harvard, and this intellectual foundation held him in good stead in his government career.

Few persons in the Sixth Congressional District were fully aware of the prestige of their congressman.

As the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Representative BATES made decisions on billions of dollars annually.

Through 20 years in Congress following a budding career as a naval officer, Representative BATES developed a rare expertise on military and defense matters and was constantly consulted by the White House during both Democratic and Republican administrations.

At 52, BILL BATES was much too young to die.

On behalf of the half-million residents in the Sixth Congressional District which he served so well. The Salem Evening News extends its sympathy to Representative BATES' widow, daughter and mother and other members of the family.

A man and a public servant of his quality is rare indeed.

[From Daily Evening Item, Lynn, Mass., June 23, 1969]

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM H. BATES

The entire North Shore was shocked by news yesterday morning of the death of U.S. Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES of Salem, who represented the 6th Massachusetts District. It was a matter of common knowledge that he was seriously ill, but the general public was unaware that he was so close to death in view of the hopeful announcements that came from his office from time to time.

"BILL" BATES was no run-of-the-mill Congressman. He brought to his duties a fine intelligence, a deep interest in broad national and international issues as well as an abiding concern for the everyday needs of his constituents.

As the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and second ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, he was on the "inside" of some of the most far-reaching congressional decisions of our times. A competent and convincing speaker, he could debate global issues with skill and certitude either in committee or on

the floor of the House, but he was equally adept in helping a constituent to get citizenship papers or to contact a son in Vietnam.

Rep. Bates was always "on top" of issues of direct importance to the 6th District. For years he had worked in close cooperation with Rep. James A. Burke (D-Milton) seeking import controls to keep the shoe industry alive in this area. He fought for the fishing industry in Gloucester and for the hat industry in Amesbury.

His position on the Armed Services Committee gave him an excellent opportunity to see that Lynn industries, such as GE, got their share of federal defense contracts.

In 1960 he took to the hustings to campaign for his lifelong friend, Henry Cabot Lodge, in the latter's quest for the vice presidency of the United States.

The Item has always taken pride in the fact that it suggested editorially soon after the death of Bill's father, Rep. George J. Bates, in a plane crash in Washington, that his son run to succeed him. The suggestion met with instant popular response and for 19 years he has represented the district without a break and without serious challenge.

The federal government has lost a distinguished servant in his death. The Item's condolences go out to his bereaved family and his dedicated associates in his Washington, Salem and Lynn offices.

[From the Haverhill (Mass.) Gazette, June 23, 1969]

Congressman William H. Bates

One of the last legislative acts of the late Cong. William H. Bates was his leadership on a petition to the President to help the shoe industry. Like most of his work in Congress, it was designed to help his constituents.

We regret the death of Congressman Bates because of the many personal qualities which kept him in the House of Representatives through some of the busiest and most transitional years in the country's history.

Though he was deeply involved in national issues through his service on the Armed Forces and Atomic Energy Committees, he maintained a close personal touch with his constituents. He, and through him his staff members, always had the time and the manner to let each individual feel a small problem got the same attention as a national issue.

In his political philosophy, Bates was a conservative in most accepted senses of the word. He was a believer in a strong national defense, and in his almost 20 years in Congress advanced to the position of the ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee. He did not go along with much of the liberal legislation of recent years, holding to a policy of fiscal soundness in regard to government spending.

Some of his policies led others of differing views to conduct campaigns in which they were directly opposite to his philosophies, but the voting record

indicates the Congressman reflected his district faithfully, for he gained re-election with ease.

It became evident in recent years the combination of his personality and philosophy was an appealing one to the voters of the Sixth Congressional District, and the chances were good he could have continued in Congress for many years.

Cancer, however, struck him down. It attacked a man of tremendous energy and radiant good health and brought death within a few months of diagnosis, despite the skilled efforts of some of the nation's best medical teams.

The district must eventually turn to the choice of a successor, since the law provides for filling vacancies in the House through elections. His term had a year and a half to go. We must hope, however, that those who seek this office will at least allow a decent interval before they begin open campaigning.

There is little doubt the loss of BATES will be felt in his district. He had gained both stature and power through his seniority, and he was able to use some of that strength to help both the district and the individuals within it.

Congressman BATES was, in our estimation, both kind and personable. We had never heard him speak an unkind word of any person, politically or otherwise, but we had heard many examples of the lengths to which he had gone to help persons of every degree of social and economic standing.

His visits to this office reminded us that he had acquired a loyal personal following in Greater Haverhill, making close friends here in addition to those who were affiliated with him due to political beliefs.

Shoe workers here, most of them Democrats, cast their votes for Congressman BATES because they were aware he had worked long and hard in their interests. In recent years and months, he had done much to try to stem the flood of imports which have been responsible for the loss of shoe jobs in Haverhill and other parts of the district.

We can honor WILLIAM H. BATES as a man who was firm in his principles and in his devotion to those who put him in Congress and kept him there. He proved to be a worthy successor to his father, the late Congressman George J. Bates.

[From Gloucester (Mass.) Daily Times, June 23, 1969]

BILL BATES: HE WORKED FOR US

BILL BATES was a Congressman who could deliver.

He delivered the best of his ability and knowledge in military affairs for the nation, through his ranking seat on the House Armed Services Committee.

He delivered for Massachusetts and New England, through his watchfulness of regional affairs ranging from military spending to imports of leather goods and fish.

He delivered, too, for the "folks at home," helping secure contracts for defense-related industries in the Sixth District, and almost always having time to seek relief for an aggrieved veteran or widow or workaday citizen.

To say that a man "delivered" suggests he approached his work primarily as a politician. Bill Bates was a politician of necessity, for that is the way a man enters Congress and that is the way he gets things done once there.

But Bill Bates always seemed to be above politics when necessary. He approached his representation of 30-odd Northeastern Massachusetts cities and towns with devotion found in men who regard their jobs as careers. He shunned political intrigue and based his campaigns for re-election on service rendered. He felt the voters could make up their minds on this evidence alone, and they always did—in his favor.

While Bill Bates was regarded in his home city as a Salem-boy-made-good, he did not forget the scope of his responsibility. He took pride when speaking in Gloucester some years back in the fact "the first speech I made in Washington was on Gloucester fish."

Gloucester usually got good response from Bates. He worked to keep tariffs and import quotas favorable wherever Cape Ann desires could be fit into the interests of national policy. He was the prime mover in locating Bureau of Commercial Fisheries offices here. The BCF irradiator on Emerson Ave. was known warmly among his fellow members on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy as the "Bates Irradiator."

And he saw the pitfalls of Gloucester's being a one-industry town: "Try to attract new industry," he told Rotarians here in 1956. "The important thing for the city is to get a balanced portfolio. As a one-industry community it (Gloucester) presents the most serious economic problems of any community in my district." Later Bates went to work to get Gloucester included in an officially designated Economically Depressed Area, a move which opened the way to receipt of federal funds for industrial development studies and the water filtration plants now under construction.

Philosophically, Bill Bates was a conservative—perhaps the most conservative of New England's Congressmen. This position did not always coincide with the views of his constituents—but it did not seem to matter on Election Days. His 20 years in Congress made him the second-ranking Republican and won for him a stature which last year had him rumored to be candidate for Secretary of Defense under President Nixon. This was a sincere form of flattery.

Jockeying will soon begin among men and women of politics to fill the vacancy caused Sunday morning by Bill Bates' death. It will take a rare individual, though, to fill that seat the way he did.

[From the Daily News, Newburyport, Mass., June 24, 1969]

(Similar editorial appeared in Beverly Times and Peabody Times)

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To say that a man "delivered" suggests he approached his work primarily as a politician. Bill Bates was a politician of necessity, for that is the way a man enters Congress and that is the way he gets things done once there.

But Bill Bates always seemed to be above politics when necessary. He approached his representation of 30-odd Northeastern Massachusetts cities and towns with devotion found in men who regard their jobs as careers. He shunned political intrigue and based his campaigns for re-election on service rendered. He felt the voters could make up their minds on this evidence alone, and they always did—in his favor.

Philosophically, Bill Bates was a conservative—perhaps the most conservative of New England's Congressmen. His position did not always coincide with the views of his constitutents—but it did not seem to matter on Election Days. His 20 years in Congress made him the second-ranking Republican and won for him a stature which last year had him rumored to be a candidate for Secretary of Defense under President Nixon. This was a sincere form of flattery.

Jockeying will soon begin among men and women of politics to fill the vacancy caused Sunday morning by Bill Bates' death. It will take a rare individual, though, to fill that seat the way he did.

[From Lawrence (Mass.) Eagle-Tribune, June 27, 1969]

Tragic End of an Era

Sometime in the coming months a special election will be held in the Sixth Congressional District to elect a successor to William H. Bates. When the second session of the present Congress convenes next January, for the first time in 32 years another than a Bates probably will represent this district.

George J. Bates, at the time mayor of Salem, was elected to Congress in 1937 to succeed the late A. Piatt Andrew. George served with distinction until Nov. 1, 1949 when he was killed in a plane crash in Washington as he was returning to duty after a weekend at home.

At that time his son William was a lieutenant commander in the Navy. He was, Sixth District Republicans thought, the logical man to succeed his father in Congress. Sixth District voters agreed. He won a special election and was reelected each two years thereafter, the last time in 1968.

His death from cancer at the age of 52 ended nearly 33 years of service in Congress for the Sixth District by George and William Bates.

It was distinguished service. It was effective personal service to constituents and notable patriotic service to the country.

As the senior Republican member of the Armed Services Committee, BILL was an influential authority on national defense. As the second ranking House member of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, he won the admiration of Adm. Rickover for his knowledge of atomic warfare.

He drew, said former Sen. Saltonstall, the utmost respect and affection from members of both parties. He was, said Ambassador Lodge, a public servant in the finest tradition, blessed with a warm and winning personality and motivated by his high sense of patriotism.

His death at an age when he and his thousands of friends and supporters reasonably could expect many more years of admirable public service tragically ended for the Sixth District an illustrious era of representation in Congress.

[From the Boston Herald-Traveler, June 24, 1969]

WILLIAM H. BATES

The death of U.S. Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES of Salem is a profound loss for the Sixth Congressional District and indeed for the Commonwealth. Congressman BATES typified, as did his father before him, staunch loyalty to his constituents, abiding concern for their economic security and for the military security of the United States.

As a naval officer and later as an officer in the Naval Reserve, Rep. BATES knew intimately the challenges of the nuclear era and combined his knowledge with his experience and position as the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee to champion a nuclear Navy. This expertise served him well also as the second ranking member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

Tributes from both Republican and Democratic leaders testify to the esteem and affection in which Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES was held, whether in Essex County or in the halls of Congress. But perhaps the finest tribute to Congressman BATES' life of public service was paid by the people he served best, the people of the Sixth Congressional District, who affirmed their confidence in his leadership by electing him to Congress for eleven terms.

[From the Boston Globe, June 26, 1969]

HE SERVED HIS DISTRICT WELL

The late Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES of Salem represented his Sixth Congressional District well throughout his 19 years in Washington. It could not have been easy for him to attempt following in the footsteps of his father, George J. Bates, himself a Congressman and Salem's mayor for many years, who had been killed in a plane crash in 1949. But BILL BATES did.

He was not a "Tuesday-to-Thursday" Congressman like some, but worked hard at the job and did his homework. He was a conservative on some issues, and a supporter of the anti-ballistic missile system and of most military spending. But he was always fair, and anxious to hear both sides in a controversy. And he was decent and most likeable. Massachusetts and particularly the Sixth District will miss him.

The passing and funeral of Congressman BATES were recorded in many columns of newspapers serving his district in Massachusetts. Illustrative of this coverage, along with appropriate pictures, were these excerpts from articles in his hometown paper, the Salem Evening News, June 23 to 27:

[From the Salem (Mass.) Evening News, June 23, 1969]

NORTH SHORE MOURNS REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM H. BATES

SALEM.—Military funeral services will be held Thursday for U.S. Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES, a Republican who represented the heavily-Democratic Sixth Massachusetts District in Congress for nearly 20 years after succeeding his father.

There was no immediate word whether President Nixon or Vice President Agnew will attend the funeral, or whether Cardinal Cushing will say the Mass.

BATES, 52, died of stomach cancer Sunday at 8 a.m. in Bethesda Naval Hospital, Maryland.

The Congressman had been undergoing treatment of the ailment since mid-March.

A former Navy officer who championed the nuclear Navy and development of peaceful uses of atomic energy, BATES had served in the House of Representatives since Feb. 15, 1950, when he was elected to succeed his father, Rep. George J. Bates.

George Bates was elected to Congress when Rep. A. Piatt Andrew of Gloucester died in 1937.

The elder Bates was among 55 people killed in a collision of a commercial airliner and a military plane over Washington on Nov. 1, 1949. He was returning from Salem to Washington when the crash occurred.

It was the third time that tragedy had struck the Bates family in less than 30 years. The Congressman's brother-in-law, Navy officer James Ginty, was killed during World War II in the South Pacific.

WILLIAM HENRY BATES was born in Salem on April 26, 1917.

He attended St. James parochial school and was president of his graduating class at Salem High School in 1935.

After a year at Worcester Academy, he entered Brown University, graduating in 1940 with a B.A. in economics and political science.

Later, he obtained a master of arts degree from Harvard University while serving in the Navy.

He worked as a clerk for the FBI in Washington before enlisting in the Navy as an apprentice seaman in 1941.

Rising to an officer's rank, he participated in naval assaults on Iwo Jima and Okinawa and was stationed on Japanese mainland after the war.

Rep. BATES held the rank of captain in the Naval Reserve at the time of his death.

An excellent athlete in high school and college, BATES was an end on the Salem High team that traveled to California in 1933 to play Urban Academy.

In later years, the Congressman kept in shape by playing golf. He was one of Washington's better golfers and a constant fairways companion of Vice President Richard M. Nixon during the Eisenhower administration.

Rep. BATES entered the Naval Medical Center on Monday, March 3, to undergo exploratory surgery for an undisclosed ailment.

The surgery took place on March 19.

It was disclosed on April 2 that BATES was suffering from abdominal lymphoma, a cancerous tumor of the lymphatic system, a network of glands and ducts that regulates fluids between the tissues and the blood system.

For several weeks following the discovery of his condition, the Congressman underwent daily radiation treatments.

The treatments had continued on a regular basis until his death.

BATES' wife, the former Pearle Jean Dreyer, was at his bedside when he died. The Bates have one daughter, Susan, 20, a commercial artist in Boston.

The Congressman's mother, Mrs. George J. (Nora) Bates, lives at 11 Buffum St., Salem.

BATES leaves three brothers and three sisters.

His brothers are Raymond H., of Marblehead, George J., Jr., of Salem, and Francis, of Peabody.

The sisters are Mrs. Courtland (Mary) Sawtelle, of East Greenwich, R.I.; Mrs. James (Katherine) Ginty, of Salem, and Mrs. Edmund (Carolyn) Stanton, of Marblehead.

WILLIAM BATES was serving his 11th term in the House. Since being elected to fill his father's vacancy, BATES had been reelected by impressive margins each time he ran.

He was constantly unopposed for the Republican nomination and 3 times had no Democratic opposition in congressional elections.

In November 1968 he won his 11th term by swamping the Democratic nominee, Miss Deirdre Henderson. BATES polled 136,947 votes to Miss Henderson's 70,296 and swept every community in the district.

At the time of his death, Rep. BATES was the senior Republican on the House Armed Services Committee and the second ranking House minority member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

For the past 4 years he had been a member of the United States delegation to the NATO Parliamentarians Conference. He was assigned to the conference's Military Committee.

His knowledge of atomic warfare was praised by Adm. Hyman Rickover, a chief advocate of the submarine Navy.

Among the highlights of BATES' congressional career were his successful efforts to block the merger of the First and Third Naval Districts and tariff legislation to protect the shoe, hat and fishing industries from foreign competition.

THE SERVICES

Services for Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES will begin today, with a memorial prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at the Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home in Washington, D.C. Visiting hours will be from 2 to 9 p.m.

The body will be flown to Salem Tuesday, where it will lie in state in Hamilton Hall, 9 Chestnut St., Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

A full military funeral will be held Thursday at 11 a.m., at St. James Church on Federal Street.

Burial will be in the family lot at St. Mary's Cemetery.

HE STOOD UP AND TOOK SIDES

(By Howard Iverson)

WILLIAM H. BATES was a fighter for all of his 52 years. Whether it was his country, his district or his lifelong hometown of Salem, BILL BATES stood up and took sides and did what he felt had to be done.

He was a staunch supporter of the war in Vietnam and the controversial ABM defense system, but he also called for the South Vietnamese to play a larger part in the defense of their country and insisted that our military programs—both offensive and defensive—be closely studied and re-evaluated annually in line with the changing world situation.

BATES embarked on an around-the-world mission in 1967 with lengthy stops in Saigon and many battlefields of Vietnam and American bases in South Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Okinawa and other points.

Upon his return, BATES said: "There is no reason to believe that the future military struggle in Vietnam will be easy or of short duration."

The following year, at a meeting of First Coast Guard District officers at the Hawthorne Motor Hotel, the Congressman said:

"While every effort should be made to seek an honorable solution to this conflict, it is quite clear that there must be a greater contribution on the part of South Vietnam to preserve that nation's freedom than had heretofore been the case."

And as much as he supported the military policies of the country, he fought just as hard for the abolition of the present draft system on the grounds that:

"I'm old fashioned enough to believe that many people came to this country to get away from the concept of compulsory military service."

BATES strongly backed the President's proposed ABM defense system.

On March 15, BATES said, "I believe that the President is entirely appropriate with respect to the security of the nation and I concur in his reasoning in reaching that decision.

"Deployment of modified anti-ballistic missiles to protect our retaliatory Minute Man installations will serve as a deterrent to any enemy who might consider launching an attack," he said.

"It is good that President Nixon has called for continuing review of the ABM program in the light of changing conditions which may arise.

"I think that people on both sides of the ABM issue during the past year have contributed greatly to the goal all of us so intently desire—the security of our country and the establishment of peace."

Inflation and increased government spending were two of his favorite targets.

And he had nothing but scorn for politicians who preached economy while opening wide the government purse strings.

"Ironically," said BATES in a 1966 speech, "many of the politicians who are shouting the loudest about the high cost of food and other consumer goods are the very ones who—by their spending policies—have contributed most to the condition in which we now find ourselves . . . and they fail to place the major blame where it belongs.

"Rather than crying for investigation, these politicians should be seeking to put the brakes on government spending for all but the most essential public services."

He fought for income tax relief for persons paying college tuitions and related expenses, introducing two bills designed to give such relief—one through a tax deduction process and the other through a tax credit formula.

In 1967, Rep. BATES voted against $1.7 million in planning funds for the Dickey-Lincoln hydroelectric plant in northern Maine, contending that the atomic generating plants now in operation had exceeded expectation in efficiency, affording New England customers lower electric rates.

He attempted to help the New England fishing industry, Gloucester in particular, but often criticized the industry for its failure to help itself.

"There is no reason why we cannot join together in protection of our resources," BATES said at a luncheon of the National Fisheries Institute in Boston last October.

The Congressman stressed pollution control, fishing conservation, international agreements in respect to fishing grounds, stronger agreements on quality control, continuation and improvement of programs involving loans and grants for fishing vessels with a united effort to see that fishermen alone do not pay the cost of protecting the shipyards.

"The future of the fishing industry," BATES said, "lies with a common sense of direction."

The Congressman backed several bills to encourage teachers to further their education, including income tax deductions for certain advanced education expenses.

"The better trained our teachers," said BATES, "the better trained our children."

He also led a vigorous battle to curb shoe imports.

"The alarming, steady increase of shoe imports, plus a downward swing in shoe exports, is threatening the future employment security of American workers through reduced production and sales of domestic shoes, while at the same time aggravating our balance-of-payments problems."

Following reports of the malfunction of M–16 rifles in Vietnam, Rep. BATES advocated a special study to investigate the M–16 program.

BATES joined 45 House colleagues earlier this year in introducing legislation to eliminate the controversial mandatory oil import control program, an import quota system which played a major part in boosting domestic oil prices.

This legislation, which is presently pending before Congress, would phase out the quota system over 10 years. The quota program, said BATES, "presently restricts the port quota system which played a major part in the amount of foreign oil entering the country and is costing the American consumer an estimated $4 billion a year in the form of inflated prices for heating oil, gasoline and other petroleum products."

BATES repeatedly introduced legislation to establish certain maritime regions to be used as marine sanctuary areas, including the Georges Bank and other offshore waters.

"The coastal regions have become a 'new frontier' for American industry and technology," BATES said. "We should designate specific areas of the nation's offshore marine environments for sport and commercial fishing, recreation, scenic beauty and scientific values."

He noted that industry and mining activities have threatened the natural environments around the country and especially in New England.

He fought against the proposed shutdown (in 1972) of the Portsmouth, N.H., naval shipyard.

Only last month, BATES joined a drive to assist hard-pressed shoe and leather firms by negotiating with competing nations for a voluntary cutback in their shoe exports.

Last week, as the result of a letter from Rep. BATES to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, the Congressman was credited as being largely responsible for the continuation of the food irradiation program of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The House authorized the restoration of funds to the program which had been eliminated in the 1969 budget. The money permitted the continuance of work being carried out by the AEC's Marine Products Irradiator at Gloucester.

[From the Salem (Mass.) Evening News, June 24, 1969]

PRESIDENT'S JET FLIES REPRESENTATIVE BATES' BODY HOME

SALEM.—Flags in the nation's capital flew at half-staff Monday as the Senate and the House of Representatives paid final tribute to one of Congress' most active and popular members, 6th District Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES.

Hundreds of people in government and private life visited Gawler's Funeral Home in Washington to pay their respects to the Salem congressman.

Among the visitors at the funeral home were Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, a lifelong friend of the Bates family; House Minority Leader Gerald Ford, House Speaker John McCormack, Sec. of the Navy John Chaffee, Under Secretary of State Elliot Richardson, Mrs. John A. Volpe, George Lodge and all members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation.

A 30-minute memorial prayer service was held Monday at the funeral home. Several congressional leaders, a number of North Shore residents and members of the Bates family attended.

The Rev. William Begley officiated at the memorial service. It was the Rev. Begley who married BILL and Pearle Jean Dreyer in 1943 when BILL was a young Navy officer and Jean was the secretary of a Missouri congressman.

President Nixon has assigned his personal plane—Air Force 1—to fly Rep. BATES' body to Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford.

The Congressman and the President were personal friends for years.

[From the Salem (Mass.) Evening News, June 25, 1969]

McCORMACK APPOINTS 57 HOUSE MEMBERS TO ATTEND BATES RITES

WASHINGTON.—Speaker John W. McCormack of the House of Representatives has appointed a 57-member delegation to join in attending the funeral of Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES at St. James Church Thursday.

The delegation includes the 11 Congressmen from Massachusetts, all members of the House Armed Services Committee of which Rep. BATES was the ranking Republican member; House members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and the House leadership of both parties.

Massachusetts delegation:

Republicans—Silvio O. Conte, Pittsfield; F. Bradford Morse, Lowell; Margaret M. Heckler, Wellesley, and Hastings S. Keith, West Bridgewater.

Democrats—Edward P. Boland, Springfield; Philip J. Philbin, Clinton; Harold D. Donohue, Worcester; Torbert H. Macdonald, Cambridge; Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Malden; James A. Burke, Milton, and Speaker McCormack, Dorchester.

Armed Services Committee:

L. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., chairman; F. Edward Hébert, D-La.; Melvin Price, D-Ill.; O. C. Fisher, D-Tex.; Charles E. Bennett, D-Fla.; James A. Byrne, D-Pa.; Samuel S. Stratton, D-N.Y.; Otis J. Pike, D-N.Y.

Also, Richard N. Ichord, D-Mo.; Lucien N. Nedzi, D-Mich.; Alton Lennon, D-N.C.; William J. Randall, D-Mo.; G. Elliott Hagan, D-Ga.; Robert L. Leggett, D-Calif.; Floyd V. Hicks, D-Wash.; Speedy O. Long, D-La.; Richard White, D-Tex.; Bill Nichols, D-Ala.; Jack Brinkley, D-Ga.; Robert H. Mollohan, D-W. Va.; W. C. Daniel, D-Va.

Also, Leslie C. Arends, R-Ill.; Alvin E. O'Konski, R-Wis.; William G. Bray, R-Ind.; Bob Wilson, R-Calif.; Charles S. Gubser, R-Calif.; Alexander Pirnie, R-N.Y.; Durward G. Hall, R-Mo.; Donald D. Clancy, R-Ohio; Robert

T. Stafford, R-Vt.; Carleton J. King, R-N.Y.; William L. Dickinson, R-Ala.; Charles W. Whelan Jr., R-Ohio; Ed Foreman, R-N. Mex.; John E. Hunt, R-N.J., and G. William Whitehurst, R-Va.

House members of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee:

Chet Holifield, D-Calif; Melvin Price, D-N. Mex.; Wayne N. Aspinall, D-Colo.; John D. Young, D-Tex.; Ed Edmundson, D-Okla.; Craig Hosmer, D-Calif.; John Anderson, R-Ill., and William M. McCulloch, R-Ohio.

House leadership:

Speaker McCormack, Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., and Minority Whip Arends.

The two Massachusetts Senators, Edward W. Brooke and Edward M. Kennedy, have been delegated to represent the Senate at the funeral.

[From the Salem (Mass.) Evening News, June 27, 1969]

"Not How Long He Lived but How He Lived"

(By Roland A. Corneau)

Salem.—U.S. Rep. William H. Bates was laid to rest next to his Congressman father Thursday.

Federal, state and local dignitaries joined an estimated 2500 persons from the 6th Congressional District in paying final tribute for his service on Capitol Hill for nearly 20 years.

John A. Volpe, former Massachusetts governor and present U.S. transportation secretary, was the official representative of President Nixon. Volpe presented the flag to the Congressman's wife at the cemetery.

Full military honors were conferred at St. James Church and St. Mary's cemetery.

Former Congressman Dewey Short of Missouri, a personal friend of the Bates family, delivered a 20-minute eulogy paralleling the lives of U.S. Rep. George J. Bates and his Congressman son William, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives for a combined total of more than three decades.

"George Bates was a diamond in the rough, as sturdy as the old granite of New England.

"His son was more than a chip off the old block. He was a polished stone because of the tenderness and understanding of his mother," Short said.

"He was only 52 when the Good Lord took him from us.

"But, it is not how long a man lives, but how he lives it that counts," Short said.

"He was aware of the problems that confronted people in these troubled times. He had a burning desire to help others. He was gentle, but firm, with the highest ideals, and he won for himself an everlasting and imperishable place in the hearts of his colleagues," he said.

"One stops to think about the father, elected for 7 terms and then killed

in a plane crash at the age of 59. And, the son of an illustrious father, elected 11 times after serving in the Navy for 10 years. Both served in war and peace.

"The fact that they were returned to office year after year is in itself a greater tribute than a eulogy," Short said.

"We must realize that God took him at his appointed time. He should know what is right and when to take. But, it is very hard for us to understand.

"Too many in history have lived too long. BILL BATES was taken from us at the pinnacle of his career in service to his country," Short said.

The Missouri congressman told of his associations with father and son on the Armed Services Committee. He said he was especially impressed to see young BATES give up his commission as a lieutenant commander in the Navy to carry on the work of his father.

"BILL BATES grasped the significance of complex international, national and local problems. He was young, vigorous, full of ideals. BILL BATES had gumption—gumption to stand up on an issue—popular or unpopular—if he thought he was right. It was his rugged honesty, noble ideas, willingness and eagerness to help others that made for him an imperishable place in the hearts of the people," Short said.

"He voted as he talked . . . he talked as he voted. He believed as he lived . . . he lived as he believed," he said.

"He wore a smile that would never wear off. He was so congenial, so joyful, so full of life. He liked old and young, black and white, rich and poor.

"Never did I hear BILL BATES say anything bad about anybody," Short said.

"I know you people loved both father and son as they loved you.

"On this day of mourning, all we can say is well done, BILL BATES," Short concluded.

It was 11 a.m. when the hearse carrying the casket of Rep. BATES pulled in front of the old gothic church, amid drum roll and music by the First Naval District band.

More than 1000 had gathered in front of the church. During the eulogy, those unable to get seats in the main church listened in the downstairs chapel via a public address system hook-up.

The body-bearers, enlisted men representing all branches of the service, slowly removed the flag-draped casket from the hearse and began their slow march up 10 short steps through the church portico, depositing the Congressman on the church truck.

The casket was flanked by the military pall bearers: Rear Adm. Joseph C. Wylie, commandant of the First Naval District; Rear Adm. William B. Ellis, commander of the First Coast Guard District; Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Cody, commander of Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford; Brig. Gen. Felix J. Gerace, commanding officer of the Army Natick Laboratories; Brig. Gen. John H. Cushman, commanding officer of Fort Devens, Ayer, and Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Ambrose, adjutant general of Massachusetts.

Members of the congressional delegation, state and local officials were already seated to the left of the altar. The family was seated to the right.

The church was filled to capacity. All rose as Wilfred A. Pelletier, for 25 years administrative assistant to both father and son, sang "God Bless America."

The Requiem High Concelebrated Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Patrick C. Curtin, pastor of St. James Church; Msgr. John Mullarkey of St. Pius Church, Lynn, and the Rev. George Huntress, St. Margaret's Church, Brockton.

His Excellency, Bishop Jeremiah F. Minihan, representing Cardinal Cushing, presided over the funeral services.

Following the gospel, Msgr. Mullarkey left the prie dieux and delivered a short eulogy.

"Although we mourn Bill Bates we know he is safe from suffering, the trials of life and is with God," the monsignor said.

He recalled the graveside services for the Congressman's father and said, "I could see the tears in his eyes and his lips moving in prayer. He nodded his head, and I knew here was a man making a tremendous decision.

"I think that was when the pledge to carry the torch which was taken so abruptly from his father," he said.

Msgr. Mullarkey emphasized that "affluence and power were not part of his heritage.

"His home was the center of his family. His respect and esteem for his church was part of his daily living.

"He was endowed by God with great and natural gifts."

He described Rep. Bates and his father as "humble men of unshaken integrity."

Many joined the Bates family in receiving Holy Communion. During the Mass, the Mission Church Boys' Choir and seminarians from Cardinal O'Connell Seminary rendered hymns.

Prior to the final prayers at the foot of the altar, members of the congressional delegation, headed by Sec. Volpe, House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, L. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and U.S. Senators Edward M. Kennedy and Edward W. Brooke, formed an honor lane at the church steps.

The casket was carried down the steps and placed into the hearse. The Navy band played "Nearer My God To Thee." Members of the Bates family filled more than 25 limousines for the ride to the cemetery. The cortege was headed by five marching platoons made up of the services.

As the cortege approached the entrance of St. Mary's Cemetery, the sound of howitzer guns boomed in the distance. The guns were fired 17 times—the last round expended as the hearse approached the grave site.

Graveside services were conducted by Navy Chaplain Capt. Richard A. Cahill.

A marine detail then fired three volleys. Taps were sounded.

The body-bearers then folded the flag into a triangular shape. Sec. Volpe presented it to the Congressman's widow.

The Navy band played "Anchors Aweigh."

His Wife, Mother, Daughter—Courageous

(By Betty Munro)

Salem.—There were many people on narrow Cambridge Street, at the side entrance of Hamilton Hall Thursday morning, but not a sound was audible, on the small tree-lined street.

There were three funeral limousines and two tots, sitting on a step, wide-eyed by the splendor of the occasion.

It was a silence of sorrow . . . and respect.

It was time for the cortege to move from Hamilton Hall to St. James Church.

Veiled in black and courageously holding up under the crushing blow of their loss were the Bates women . . . Mrs. Jean Bates, the widow; Mrs. George Bates, his mother, and Susan, his daughter.

For the elder Mrs. Bates, it was a time of double sorrow. The hushed silence was ominous throughout St. James Church, where the elder Mrs. Bates had seen her son serve as an altar boy and receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

She had also attended the funeral there in 1949 of her husband, the late Rep. George Bates.

Both father and son had died tragically. Bill Bates at the height of his career at age 52. His father's life was snuffed out while serving in the House of Representatives as the result of an airline tragedy in Washington.

Celebrant at both funerals was His Excellency, Jeremiah F. Minihan, auxiliary bishop of Boston.

The engulfing sadness of the eulogy delivered by an old friend of both Bill Bates and his father, former Congressman Dewey Short of Missouri, must have recalled poignant memories to the gallant women as they listened intently, their eyes rimmed with tears, as he extolled both men.

Tears were evident throughout the congregation as Msgr. John E. Mullarkey related the honesty and goodness of the Bates men.

A corner of the Bates family lot in St. Mary's Cemetery seemed a shaded place in mid-day sun of the bright June day.

A large maple tree and a few evergreens provided a backdrop and shade for a galaxy of floral tributes beside the graveside . . . among them a large basket containing coral gladioli and bronze chrysanthemums from President and Mrs. Nixon and a wreath of orchids from the House of Representatives.

Again, the muffled tattoo and the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" by the Navy band, followed by representatives of all branches of the armed services. The cortege wended its way down the path to the family lot in St. Mary's Cemetery.

As the hearse arrived at the plot on the grassy slope, the nine pallbearers gently lifted the copper casket and Bill Bates to his final resting place.

As Capt. Richard A. Cahill, a Navy chaplain, recited committal prayers, a touching scene was portrayed. Mrs. George Bates, weary but courageous, was seated during the last portion of the long ordeal on the hot June day,

while the younger Bates women, heads held high and shoulders erect, stood at almost rigid attention.

The folded flag was presented to the widow by Secretary of Transportation John Volpe, who had been delegated by President Nixon as his representative at the services.

As the flag was placed on her outstretched arms, Mrs. Bates was embraced by the cabinet member.

"Nearer My God To Thee," taps, the boom of the army howitzers and a return farewell volley by a contingent of Marines on a nearby hill was Salem's farewell to WILLIAM H. BATES.

There have been many leaders in the past three decades who have attained success and greatness because of the loyalty, devotion and strength of their wives. . . . The Bates men were no exception.

THEY SAID FAREWELL

(By Howard Iverson)

It was 10:25 on the morning of a beautiful summer day. At the Oliver School on Broad Street children were getting ready to go home for vacation.

The children knew they were going home early Thursday because someone had died. He was in the government . . . in Washington. They thought he was a Senator, or something.

Half a block away, at Hamilton Hall, a hearse was waiting to take WILLIAM HENRY BATES, a United States Congressman for 19 years, to St. James Church for his funeral.

Two hundred people stood outside Hamilton Hall. They were from the neighborhood, mostly. They came in pink shorts and green mini-skirts, printed house dresses and sandals with broken straps, chinos and yellow tee shirts.

Hamilton Hall is usually the place for dances and debutantes. It is a crystal and mahogany reminder of an era that is past. Except for the restorations which dot the area, streets like Chestnut and Broad and Cambridge and Flint belong today to the people who stood silently outside of Hamilton Hall Thursday waiting for the casket to come out.

These were the people who had sent BILL BATES to Washington for 11 terms. Most of them didn't know him very well. But they had a cousin who had gone to the Naval Academy because Rep. BATES had recommended him, or an uncle who had been unable to get treated at the veterans' hospital until the Congressman made a phone call.

This is called service. All the talk about foreign policy and balance of payments and even ABM systems is for the record and the newspapers. What pays off on election day is something called service.

BILL BATES was there when his people needed him for a little favor. He tried to help. That's what the people standing in front of Hamilton Hall remembered about him Thursday.

The world where WILLIAM H. BATES, Representative of the 6th Massachusetts District in Congress, spent most of the last 20 years of his life was mirrored at St. James Church.

John Volpe, who had been Governor and worked hard to get Richard Nixon elected, was at the church as an emissary of the President.

The congressional delegation was one of the largest ever assigned to attend a funeral of one of its House members. Assigned is a formal and misleading word. It is used on expense accounts and in ledger books. These people came to Salem Thursday to pay final respects to an old friend. Many would have gladly paid their own way.

George Bates and his son WILLIAM had served in Congress with Dewey Short. Thursday, the former Representative from Missouri stood at the lectern in St. James Church and eulogized George Bates' son.

He is a spellbinder, this old man from Missouri. "I enjoyed basking in the sunshine of his smile," he said of his old friend BILL BATES.

"He loved everyone . . . He had a burning desire to help others . . .

"He stood for a course, whether popular or unpopular . . . He was born a chip off the old block—a polished stone."

There was more. Dewey Short talked for 20 minutes. There weren't many dry eyes in St. James Church when he finished.

The Navy band played "Faith of Our Fathers" as the body-bearers, 10 young men representing all branches of the Armed Services, came slowly out of the church with the casket.

Old friends of the Congressman lined the stone steps of the church as BILL BATES' casket moved slowly by to the hearse.

L. Mendel Rivers, with his craggy face and flowing white hair—a near caricature of a Southern politician—stood next to House Minority Leader Gerry Ford.

There were Senator Ted Kennedy and Congressmen Eddie Boland, Torby Macdonald and Tip O'Neill, familiar names in Massachusetts politics and close friends of BILL BATES.

A woman was in the line, Rep. Margaret Heckler of Wellesley. Bob Stafford of Vermont, Speedy Long of Louisiana, Ed Edmondson of Oklahoma, Leslie Arends of Illinois, Ed Foreman of New Mexico, Chet Holifield of California—a cross section of the country's government.

Gov. Sargent, Admiral Hyman Rickover, former Senator Saltonstall, Senator Ed Brooke stood and watched the casket come out of the church.

It was hot in the summer sun at St. Mary's Cemetery, but the wind through the maple trees shaded and cooled the plot of land where BILL BATES would be buried beside his father.

A Marine firing squad stood at parade rest in the sun on a hill overlooking the burial site as the funeral cortege came over the hill from Margin Street and wended its way down into the cemetery.

The simple graveside service was conducted by Navy Chaplain Richard A. Cahill. When it was over, the firing squad squeezed off three shots and taps floated down from the hill.

The American flag draped over BILL BATES' casket had once flown over the Capitol. It was folded neatly by the color guard and given to John Volpe, who represented the President.

Volpe turned, walked over to Jean Bates, the widow. He put the flag in her hands and kissed her on the cheek.

It was 1:40 in the afternoon when the people at St. Mary's Cemetery started walking up the hill toward Margin Street. They had said goodbye. BILL BATES was left to rest beside his father.

National, State, and local leaders eulogized "BILL" BATES. Prominent among these tributes, and representative of the many, were the following:

President Richard M. Nixon sent a telegram to Jean Bates, the Congressman's widow, which read in part:

For the 20 years I have known BILL since he first came to the House, he has been a trusted colleague and a good and loyal friend.

His work over the 20 years has earned him the gratitude and respect of the men with whom he worked, and the way he went about this work earned him their admiration and friendship.

The nation owes him a special debt for his leadership on the Armed Services Committee.

Pat joins me in extending our deepest sympathy.

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird:

The nation has suffered an irreparable loss, and Congress has lost one of its most distinguished leaders. The people of his district have lost a champion.

Both as a member of Congress and as secretary of defense I looked to BILL BATES' wise counsel on all matters affecting national security. I mourn his passing.

John A. Volpe, Secretary of Transportation and former Governor:

Like all Massachusetts residents who had known and worked with BILL BATES, I shall thoroughly miss him. He was an outstanding congressman, and since I have come to Washington I have had the great pleasure of working with him even more closely than before.

Mrs. Volpe and I express to his family our deepest sorrow.

Elliot Richardson, Under Secretary of State:

BILL BATES' death is a sad personal loss. He was an energetic congressman and a member of a rare breed in political life, a thoroughly nice person.

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, former U.S. Senator from Massachusetts:

The death of Congressman BATES in the very prime of life is a shocking and grievous loss to the people of his district, of the State and of the Nation. I have lost a warm and cherished friend.

He was a public servant in the finest tradition—that of his distinguished father.

He was good and he was sagacious.

He never spared himself in the performance of his duty and his decisions were motivated by his high sense of patriotism.

He was gifted with a warm and winning personality which had won him friends in every corner of the United States as I learned when he and I traveled together in the 1960 campaign.

My deepest sympathy goes out to his family. May they derive comfort from the pride which they surely feel in his life, so rich in service and friendship.

Former U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Republican, of Massachusetts:

BILL BATES was a long-time friend of mine. We worked together on the Armed Services Committee. He was always well-informed and had very clear opinions on what to do.

I remember clearly when he came in to see me in his Navy uniform. He wanted advice on whether to run for his father's seat. I urged him to do so.

He became one of the Members who drew the utmost respect and affection from Members of both parties. I have personally lost a dear friend and my deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Governor Francis W. Sargent, Massachusetts:

Rep. BATES' death was a great loss to the Massachusetts people he so ably represented and, indeed, to the nation.

A man who could combine the national interest with the human concerns of the people of his district is a rare man. WILLIAM BATES did that in such a fashion that we will not soon forget.

Mrs. Sargent joins me in sympathy extended to his family.

State Auditor Thaddeus Buczko, Massachusetts:

WILLIAM H. BATES never made an enemy, because he credited his opponents with the same earnestness and the same faith which he put into every cause he advocated. When the issue was decided he bore no malice toward anyone who contended against his views, but he greeted them with the same cheery smile as before and went on to his next endeavor.

BILL BATES was one of the most conscientious men I ever knew, and was imbued with as fine a Christian spirit as ever actuated a human soul. He was able, energetic and courageous. He served his country faithfully in time of war; he served his people just as faithfully in Congress during the subsequent years of relative peace.

No matter how great the obstacles placed in his path, his great resourcefulness always enabled him to overcome them. His radiant smile and cheery disposition was the reflection of a great soul and this splendid attitude did much to lighten the arduous task which every one of us have to face in our daily life.

I like to think of Bill Bates, the man. Of sterling character and of unimpeachable integrity, he was the object of respect and admiration of everyone whose privilege it was to know him. He was capable, efficient, unselfish to the extreme. He gave his all in military and public service to his country and fellow men. Massachusetts and the nation deeply mourn his passing for we have lost a faithful and capable public servant.

Mayor Francis X. Collins, of Salem, Mass.:

The passing of Cong. William H. Bates is a terrible loss to me and the community. Like his father before him he served the city, the state, and the nation in admirable manner. His loss will be deeply felt.

I extend my condolences and those of his native city, to his family and to his mother.

ADDRESS BY HON. GERALD R. FORD

OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Massachusetts yielding so that I can again express my deep personal feelings on the passing of Bill Bates.

Mr. Speaker, every Member of the House of Representatives was left poorer by the death of Representative William H. Bates because Bill Bates' presence in this Chamber enriched the lives of all of us.

I feel the loss most keenly. Bill was a close personal friend. We both first entered the House in the 81st Congress. We worked together. Our families had many ties. It was a warm and wonderful relationship.

Bill Bates was a friend to every man. Wherever he might be standing, his grin lit up the place. He was always cheerful, even in the face of the dreadful disease which took his life. He had a big hello for everyone. People liked to be with him. He had a wonderful sense of humor.

This was the personality of BILL BATES. This is the side he turned toward the world.

BILL BATES had a serious side as well. He was a diligent student of government and a faithful servant of the people. He gave his all for his congressional district—all of his attention and all of his energies. He served his people well. They knew it and they loved him for it.

BILL BATES also was a patriot in an age when being patriotic is looked upon by many as old fashioned and kind of corny.

BILL BATES did not find patriotism anything to be ashamed of because his patriotism was 100-percent genuine. To put it simply, he truly loved his country.

And so it was that BILL BATES rendered splendid service as senior Republican on the House Armed Services Committee and second ranking minority House member on the Joint Atomic Energy Committee.

BILL BATES compiled an enviable record during his 19 years as a Member of this House. That record was part of a family tradition because his father, George Bates, had preceded BILL in the House before George's tragic death in an airplane accident.

Perhaps most important, BILL BATES loved this House, and all of the Members of this House loved him.

For BILL BATES, there can be no more appropriate eulogy.

My family, especially my wife Betty, and myself, extend to BILL's family our deepest condolence. Jean Bates and the daughter, Susan, have our sympathy in this time of sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. LESLIE C. ARENDS

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, that BILL BATES is no longer with us is to me almost beyond belief. Perhaps it is because I do not want to believe. While I recognize the reality of death that comes to all men, I find it difficult to acknowledge to myself that it has come to one who has meant so much to me in so many ways.

He was my closest friend for whom I had the deepest affection—an affection beyond measure. We sat next to each other on the Armed

Services Committee. He was my assistant regional whip. We worked together as delegates to the NATO conferences. We frequently played golf together. Our families had a mutuality of interests and sought each other's company. Our ideas and our ideals were similar. We shared confidences. We shared our problems, seeking the benefit of each other's advice. We shared our sorrows, and we shared our joys.

This is the friend I have lost. He was more than a friend, more like a brother. I do not know how to express it. He was a part of me, now departed, not possible to be restored.

No finer man ever served in the Congress. No finer friend could any man have. He was a true nobleman—the noblest of the noble: In character, in personality, and in intellect. He was a dedicated family man and a dedicated legislator. He was, in the fullest sense, a true patriot—dedicated to the service of God and dedicated to the service of country.

I have been richly blessed to have had such a close association with BILL BATES. This is now denied me. But there remains with me a mental treasury of memories.

BILL gave so much and had so much to contribute it becomes difficult to understand why, in the prime of life, he was taken from us. But it is not for us to reason why. In our faith will be found the understanding we seek in our sorrow. "Our Father who art in heaven . . . Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Of our beloved friend and colleague it can be truly said: "Well done My true and faithful servant."

My wife Betty and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife, Jean, to their daughter, Susan, and the Bates family. I am sure they know that we and countless others share their loss and share their sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN W. McCORMACK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, our late friend BILL BATES has been taken from our midst in the prime of his life, a Member of extraordinary ability and profound patriotism and one who was possessed of a striking and impressive personality.

When BILL BATES came to the House as his father's successor, I little thought that one day I would have the painful task of eulogizing the son, just as I had eulogized the father, the late George J. Bates, who was tragically killed in an unfortunate aircraft collision over National Airport in 1949. And, I might say that I served in the House of Representatives in Massachusetts with George Bates, the late father of our dear departed colleague BILL BATES. Father and son shared many praiseworthy qualities, and I enjoyed the warmest friendship with both of them. Now they are both gone, and I feel the grief of so many other bereaved friends of their fine family.

BILL was born in Salem on April 26, 1917, and attended Salem's public schools and Worcester Academy. He was a devoted student, graduating from Brown University and the Harvard University Business School. He served in the Navy during World War II, participating heroically in the assault on Iwo Jima. At the time of his death he was a captain in his country's Naval Reserve.

In peace and in war he served our country with outstanding ability and great courage. He brought his unequivocal dedication to the naval service with him to Congress in 1950, and, in time, he became the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee, which position he occupied at the time of his death. There he helped to make clear the case for a modernized, nuclear Navy, a Navy second to none in the world. At the time of his death he was working upon its modernization. He also served with fervent dedication as the second ranking Republican member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

After winning the special election that brought him to this House which his father had served so long and so well, BILL BATES won every succeeding election. I know the makeup of his district and it might well be said that it was a "BATES district," both father and son. He did so because his constituents recognized a leader when they saw one; they knew a loyal and staunch patriot when they were in his presence; they comprehended fully the quality of the representation they were being accorded by this great American.

There are thousands upon thousands of residents of the Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts who are proud of BILL BATES and his record of service to his country. They mourn with us a grievous loss to the House of Representatives and to the country in whose interests he gave his all.

In these hours of their deep bereavement, I know that his widow, his daughter, his mother, and his brothers and sisters, will find consolation in the knowledge that his colleagues treasured their friendship with him and, with the citizens of his district and of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts whom he represented with such distinction, will never forget him.

BILL BATES is not with us now physically, but he is with us in spirit, for he was not only an outstanding legislator, he was a great American.

Mrs. McCormack and I extend to Mrs. Bates, the widow, and to her loved ones, our deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. HASTINGS KEITH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, on the day following Congressman BILL BATES' untimely death a number of us spoke extemporaneously before the House, expressing to the best of our abilities our feelings at that tragic time. I was one of those.

Now more than 2 weeks have passed since we first heard the sad news of BILL's passing, and we have all had time to reflect on the loss of this unusual man.

Yet, somehow the words and phrases come no more easily now than they did then, when the shock was still fresh in our minds. For the loss of BILL BATES is not something that can be easily translated into spoken English.

BILL BATES meant so much to so many of us that it is hard to know where to begin in reflecting on his qualities as a man and a public servant.

He was a good friend—always ready to lend assistance, always concerned about the welfare of others, always dealing with his colleagues in a cheery, personable manner.

He was a good Congressman for his district. In his 19 years in Congress he did much that his district—and indeed the whole New England region—can be thankful for. His aid to the shoe industry, to the

fishing industry, and to the educational institutions in the area will be of lasting effect, and long remembered.

He was, as well, a good Congressman for the Nation. In his role as ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee, BILL BATES put his mark on much of the defense legislation that has kept this country free. His advocacy of a strong, modern, Defense Establishment was well known, and his was one of the strongest voices raised in favor of using nuclear energy in the Navy. He was a leading proponent of the peaceful use of atomic energy as well, and the marine products development irradiator in Gloucester stands as a monument to his efforts in this field.

Beyond the public BILL BATES, there was another side—the family man. I was privileged to know BILL's family, and if there is any consolation one can offer at a time like this, let me say that their loss is ours and the Nation's as well.

BILL was, as our colleague Silvio Conte has so aptly put it, a Christian gentleman. In this era of public relations images, BILL stood out as a man who was what he appeared to be—a hard-working, friendly, thoughtful, conscientious man who was devoted to his family, his friends, his district, and his country.

All of these things were what made up BILL BATES. Yet I think that last phrase—a Christian gentleman—contains the essence of the man. There are all too few of this type of man, and it is a cause for special sorrow when one of them departs from our midst.

BILL BATES will be remembered for his service to the Nation, to his district, and to his fellow Congressmen. But most of all he will be remembered for the extraordinarily fine man that he was. And no one could ask a greater memorial than that.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to these personal remarks, I would like to have inserted in the Record an expression of sorrow and loss that comes from a newspaper.

The tributes to Congressman BILL BATES have been numerous, from many sources. Perhaps one of the most unusual appeared in a full-page advertisement in the Lynn, Mass., Daily Evening Item and Lynn Sunday Post. It was also published in the G.E. News in Lynn. With a pensive picture of BILL at his desk, and signed by "the Men and Women of General Electric," the message read as follows:

An Irreplaceable Friend

America this week mourns the loss of a United States Congressman who championed its nuclear Navy and peaceful uses of Atomic Energy.

At General Electric in Lynn, it is a more personal tragedy that we should so suddenly and regretfully lose our Congressman.

Were we to try to list the important qualities we seek in those who represent us in Government—honesty, dedication, concern—we would be hard put to find a person who had them in more abundance than Bill Bates.

He cared about the people in his district—the doors of his Salem and Lynn offices opened daily to those who needed a friend in government. Many General Electric men and women knew this, and because they knew it, they worked hard every two years to re-elect him.

He was also concerned about people's jobs, maintaining continuing contact with businesses such as General Electric to learn how they would be affected by actions in Washington. He was both the local Congressman and the ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee when he spent many hours at the plant, observing production of jet engines and turbines, asking questions that would add to an already deep reservoir of knowledge about the country's defense capabilities.

His constituents knew what Bill Bates was doing and where he stood. In April of 1964, 1966 and 1968 he came to the General Electric plant to answer employees' questions about what was taking place in Washington. We will miss him.

Congressman William H. Bates was an irreplaceable friend and Representative. We join his family, many friends, and his country in mourning his tragically premature death.

The Men and Women of General Electric.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHET HOLIFIELD

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, Congressman Bill Bates was a friend as well as a colleague on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. He brought to the committee experience, understanding, judgment and wisdom, mixed with a good portion of Irish humor.

Over the past decade of his membership on the Joint Committee he was a dynamic force in supporting the development of both the peaceful and military atom.

Because I was advised that his doctor preferred that Members not visit him in the hospital, I wrote BILL an occasional letter. His answer to my last letter indicated his courage and his strong desire to, as he said:

> Resume my duties as well as those pleasant associations which have become so important to me in my daily life.

This strong desire to serve his constituents and once again to associate with his friends pointed up two important goals in his life.

Further on in his letter he mentioned the discomfiture caused by his treatments, which incidentally were based on devices and methods related to the peaceful uses of atomic energy. He went on to say:

> You may be sure that after dealing with this problem, some of those there on the Hill will seem infinitesimal by comparison.

As I read those last words of his letter to me I am once again impressed with the conclusion he had reached through personal suffering and meditation. It helps me to recognize once again the importance of realizing that, burdened as the Members of Congress are and faced as we are with frustrations and irritations, nevertheless these are relatively unimportant when compared with the purpose and continuation of life itself.

We will miss BILL BATES on our committee. We will miss him as a colleague in the House.

ADDRESS BY HON. MELVIN PRICE

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness in my heart that I speak of the tragic loss we have all suffered when BILL BATES passed away. Our friendship, which spanned 30 years and different political parties, was a deep one. We served together before World War II as staff assistants in the House; later we worked closely together on the Armed Services and Joint Atomic Energy Committees.

Throughout his long service to the Congress, to the people of Massachusetts—and to the people of the United States—BILL BATES

displayed those qualities of leadership and competence which ultimately brought him to a position of great responsibility in the House. His steady and responsible contributions to the Armed Services Committee and his aggressive fight for a nuclear Navy in the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy will long be remembered. His judgment on all matters affecting national security in these two committees was outstanding. But perhaps most important to me, as I look back over the years, I will always remember him as a man who had a heart of gold.

The tributes being paid today are but a small reflection of the great good he did before his life was suddenly cut short. I know that I am a better man for having known BILL BATES.

ADDRESS BY HON. F. BRADFORD MORSE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, this Nation has lost a courageous leader. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has lost a distinguished son. This House has lost one of its most effective Members. I, like you, have lost a cherished friend.

The Sixth District of Massachusetts was ably represented by BILL BATES for almost 20 years, as it had been represented by his distinguished father for 14 years before his tragic death. Representing the district which adjoined his, serving as a member of the delegation which he led, I came to know BILL well. He was my teacher and my guide. We shared common problems of our States, and a common love for our country.

BILL gave of himself in every endeavor—as a naval officer, as ranking Republican member of the Armed Services Committee where his steady hand and mature judgment contributed so enormously to the Nation's security over the years, as an informed, conscientious member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on which he served with characteristic distinction, as the effective representative of the people he was privileged to serve here in the House for whom he worked so tirelessly, and in every other activity he undertook.

But most of all, he gave of his friendship. Every one of us was enriched by his kindness, his warmth, his friendliness, his humor, and his integrity. BILL BATES will be missed in every capacity in which he served, but it is the deep sorrow of losing a true and loyal friend that is hardest to bear.

It is to pay tribute to BILL BATES as a courageous and effective legislator and a good and valued friend that I stand here today confined as I am by the limits of language in expressing my respect for him. I have never known a more honest, a more decent man than BILL BATES. I have never known a finer Christian. I have never known a greater American.

But in memory of BILL BATES, my friend, I cannot find the words to use. I can but bow my head out of love and sadness, and by the depth of silence let my grief be echoed.

Mrs. Morse and I extend to BILL's brave and gracious wife, Jean, to his beloved daughter, Susan, to his revered mother, to the brothers and sisters to whom BILL was so devoted, our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, John Lindsay, the distinguished mayor of New York, was among those privileged to serve with BILL here in the House. When BILL died, John wrote to me to ask that I extend his sympathy to his family and his friends in the House. I include Mayor Lindsay's letter at this point in the Record:

JUNE 24, 1969.

Hon. BRADFORD F. MORSE,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR BRAD: I am deeply shocked by BILL BATES' death. He was a most superb person and Congressman who leaves a lasting impression on the House and the institution as a whole. He brought to public life a quality of character, excellence and professionalism, and decency as a person.

BILL's untimely death is a loss to his district, his state and the nation.

I hope you will extend my most profound sympathies, especially to his family, his friends and fellow colleagues of the Massachusetts delegation.

Sincerely,

JOHN V. LINDSAY,
Mayor.

ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, there are many ways that a man can contribute to the world in which he lives. He can give of his intelligence, his talent, his ingenuity, his energy, his time. These are laudable, valuable contributions: and every one was made by BILL BATES.

But the thing BILL gave that I will remember longest, and miss most, is not one of these. It is something relatively few men give, and so is more highly prized where it is found. This is goodness.

BILL BATES was a good man. He truly cared about others. His work on behalf of his constituents was never just a job to him; it was the visible result of his personal concern for their problems.

And just as constituents have problems, their Representatives have problems trying to serve them.

There is often a tendency to become wrapped up in these, to concentrate on them to the exclusion of other concerns. This was never true of BILL BATES.

He would always notice the preoccupation of a colleague, always ask the reason, always help when he could. And when he could not give anything more concrete, he gave a sympathetic, an encouraging, or most often a humorous word. That word alone often helped more than anything else, because it showed that he cared enough about your burden to want to share it; and knowing this, you felt stronger in dealing with it.

BILL had the basic love and concern for his fellows that truly is goodness. His presence was a daily reminder of the value of a kind heart and a warm word.

It has been said that what is good is that which inspires one to be good. For this, above other fine qualities—and they were many—BILL was loved by his friends and colleagues. For this, he will be sorely missed. For this, the world will be the poorer without him.

BILL was struck down in the prime of life. But he had already established a record of outstanding service to his country. BILL BATES

attended Brown University and Harvard Business School, he served in the Navy during World War II and intended to make a career. When his father was tragically killed in an airplane crash, he rose above his personal grief to take up the job that had been left unfinished; on February 14, 1950, he was elected to fill his father's seat as the Representative of the Sixth District of Massachusetts.

During his years of service in the House, BILL was an exemplary Member. He was always knowledgeable and well informed about the issues. He had a fine power of analysis, and great foresight, he made his decisions calmly, deliberately, and never on a mere partisan basis. This was evidenced by the fact that he was consistently returned to the House by a district having a large Democratic element, although he himself was a Republican.

As ranking Republican member of the Armed Services Committee, BILL was wholeheartedly dedicated to the national defense. He was an expert in military matters, especially naval matters. His integrity, his honesty, his calmness, and his courage made him an invaluable, highly respected and admired voice in these matters. It is a great tragedy that in these times of turmoil, of heated debate, this clear and calming voice will be lost.

To the committee on which he served so faithfully—the Armed Services Committee and the Joint Atomic Energy Committee; to his friends and colleagues in the Congress; to his district; to the Nation as a whole, the tragic loss of BILL BATES is incalculable.

We admired him; we respected him; we loved him; and we mourn him.

Mr. Speaker, I insert at this point an article from the Newburyport, Mass., Daily News of June 24, 1969, which was also published in the Beverly, Gloucester, and Peabody Times:

BILL BATES, A GOOD MAN

(By Bill Plante)

It is a tough thing to take when a good man dies, and it is even worse when the good man is an elected official.

That's what BILL BATES was, a good man who served us as Congressman for almost 20 years.

It is always easy to fault an elected official, and we did not always agree with BILL BATES. But that was neither here nor there as far as our evaluation of him was concerned.

Bill Bates was more than an honest man. He was a decent man who was honestly concerned for his country and the people of his district. It was a matter of no small pride to him that he was the senior ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee. He had left the Navy to take on the responsibilities which his father had handled so well, after the fatal crash in the Potomac River which ended his dad's life. And his Navy experience gave him a considerable orientation in the direction of this nation's defensive needs.

Last Talk—My last conversation with Bill Bates concerned the ABM debate. We had taken editorial issue with the administration concerning the ABM, and had urged the congressman to use his influence against its installation.

Bill Bates called me from Washington after reading our editorial to explain his concern. As usual, he was factual, patient, and friendly. He knew his position was politically unpopular.

"But I've got to do what I believe is best for my country," he said.

There was no flag-waving about it, no self-righteousness. He made the statement as a matter of common fact, just as though everyone could and would say such a thing.

There was another part of that conversation which sent a chill along my spine.

I had asked him the usual "How have you been?" as a courtesy.

"I've been taking some tests at the hospital," he said. "I've got to go back in for some more. Some of the tests seem to be okay, but some appear to say something is wrong."

As things turned out, it was the latter that were right.

The conversation was my last with Bill Bates.

We had a number of them over 19 years, some of which concerned unemployment problems in our district and what he was doing about them. Some included politics, of course, a topic which he left pretty much alone until election time, but about which he could become the tiger if opposition appeared imminent.

Some involved harbor improvements at Newburyport, in which I have been particularly interested. And here, his presence on the Armed Services Committee was a decided factor in getting immediate corrective action from the Corps of Engineers whenever the public saefty became a matter for urgency.

Served So Well—But I was only one, and my home community was only one. Bill Bates was considered unbeatable simply because he served his district so well. His strength extended through both parties and solidly through the independents. Liberals might fault him in some areas, but they had to be impressed with his attention to his district's needs.

There have been more colorful Congressmen in the past 20 years. There have been those who have made the national spotlight on "big" issues. Bill Bates was not of this type. His style and his purpose were directed to service, solid, if unspectacular service to his country and to his constituents. He was one Congressman who did not put himself and his ambitions above either.

And that is why it is tough to lose him.

ADDRESS BY HON. ALEXANDER PIRNIE

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of our colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts, plunged this House into grief that is deep and universal. The ability and integrity of this man commanded genuine respect, while his winning smile and cheerful personality made life the happier for those around him.

BILL succeeded his dad as Representative of the Sixth District, following an air crash which brought to an end a distinguished career. His election was a tribute to the Bates name and a vote of confidence in a dashing, forceful Navy officer. It had been a difficult decision for this officer to make. He loved the Navy and had demonstrated great capability in the service. However, his choice proved a wise one. Not only was he elected to fill the vacancy, but 10 times thereafter in a district not particularly favorable to his party.

Serving with BILL on the Armed Services Committee offered me an excellent opportunity to see this man in action. I admired his knowledge, his tact, and enthusiastic dedication. Arriving as he did to the position of ranking member, he proved a forceful, competent leader. It was a pleasure to be associated with him in these tasks because of his fairness and objectivity. His excellent mind and intensive background contributed much to the efficiency and the morale of the services and thus, to the security of our Nation.

Yes, BILL was a man of integrity, a man of action, and a man of compassion. His like is sorely needed and his loss is monumental. We express to his beloved wife, Jean, and his daughter, Susan, and the entire family, our profound sympathy, confident that treasured memories of their devoted and distinguished husband and dad will remain a source of inspiration and comfort throughout their lives.

ADDRESS BY HON. EDWARD P. BOLAND

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, the death of our colleague, BILL BATES, came as a keen shock to all who knew him.

His death is a tragic example of the fierceness and voraciousness of cancer. Just a few short months ago, he was the picture of health—robust, cheerful, active. Yet, today, he is no longer with us in life.

Mr. Speaker, if there ever was a finer human being than BILL BATES, I did not know him. Intellectually, morally, physically, socially—in every way—he, indeed, was the perfect gentleman.

He came by all of these attributes naturally—nurtured by a splendid family and educational background. He was indeed, a "chip off the old block." One need but look at his uniform success in public life to understand that he was imbued with the spirit and dedication of his great father, the Honorable George Bates, whose seat he took in this House.

He, more than a lot of us, understood the temper and tide of the times, but he was never panicked by them. He did his work in this body, for his country, his State, and his district, better than most of us. And always, he found time to mingle with the people he represented and to identify himself with them. He was never a partisan in matters that affected his area. I suspect that the best proof of this is that he was continuously returned to represent a district, that, if not Democratic in makeup, is assuredly marginal politically.

Our Nation has lost a strong leader at a time that it can ill afford it. Our State of Massachusetts will miss him and his own district will remember him for what he was and what he did. I have lost a good and solid friend.

To his devoted wife, Jean, and to his daughter, Susan, to his mother and to his entire family I extend my sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most able and perceptive newspaper reporters on the Washington scene is Donald Larrabee. As the Lynn,

Mass., Item's Washington correspondent, Don Larrabee had many occasions to talk to and observe BILL BATES' ability—his personality and character. Mr. Larrabee's tribute to our beloved colleague was printed in the Lynn, Mass., Item of June 23, 1969.

I include this fine tribute to be inserted in the Record:

CONGRESSMAN BATES' HALLMARK: HIS QUIET DEVOTION

(By Donald R. Larrabee)

WASHINGTON.—If WILLIAM H. BATES had any vice, it was that he devoted himself almost completely to his job as a congressman.

He didn't smoke or drink or socialize in the usual Washington sense. He attended to his committee chores. He served his district and its economic interests. He did his homework and injected common sense and uncommon judgment into some of the most important military decisions of the past two decades. He did all of this in a plodding, unobtrusive way—without issuing sensational or provocative charges or ever getting a headline in the Washington papers.

BILL BATES would have been chairman of the House Armed Services Committee if the Republicans had controlled Congress. But he was one of the least known names and personalities in Washington, except perhaps within the inner circle of the Pentagon. BATES could keep a secret and his head was full of them. He was in the very select group of congressmen who are given the most confidential facts of our military posture. For years, he has had complete intelligence briefings on a weekly basis and has enjoyed the confidence of four Presidents.

This reporter learned, quite by accident one day, that BATES was a rather regular golfing companion of President Eisenhower at the Burning Tree Club in nearby Maryland. The congressman never divulged the President's score, much less any of the other bits of gossip to which he was privy.

In floor debate on military bills, he defended his committee's actions and the Members came to respect his word. His voice never rose in anger and he spoke only when he had a contribution to make. Behind the scenes, he battled for the industries and the institutions that meant something to Massachusetts and New England—in terms of jobs, if not prestige.

Like his father before him, he fought a determined battle at every session against imports of footwear and fishery products which were harming old-line companies in Haverhill, Amesbury, Lynn and Gloucester. He was working this year with Rep. James Burke (D-Mass.) to place a massive petition before President Nixon seeking a negotiated agreement to curtail shoes imports.

He was also working quietly to save the big nuclear submarine repair yard at Portsmouth, N.H., which was ordered closed in 1974 by the Johnson administration. Hundreds of workers from his nearby Massachusetts district are employed at the yard.

BATES, with Representative Philip Philbin (D-Mass.), ranking Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, had much to do with bringing the Army's Quartermaster Research Laboratory to Natick, and retaining the Boston Naval Shipyard.

BATES who also sat on the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, was a leader in the field of peaceful uses of the atom, particularly in the area of food preservation by means of radiation. He was an annual delegate to Internation Atomic Conferences and had visited every American military outpost in the world.

There are no major laws that bear his name but many that bear his imprint. Democrats in Congress from Massachusetts respected him so much that they would have secretly worked against any serious Democratic challenger from the North Shore district.

There were many who urged him to seek higher office a few years back. The governorship was frequently dangled before him. But BATES confided to this writer that he was doing an immensely satisfying job as a Congressman and one where he felt he could make a greater contribution to the Commonwealth and his country.

Early this year he entered Bethesda Naval Hospital for a checkup. No one knew that this man with a happy face had a stomach that hurt.

BILL BATES was a citizen soldier who died, without any fanfare, in the service of his country.

ADDRESS BY HON. O. C. FISHER

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, I fully share the admiration that has been expressed here concerning the late and lamented BILL BATES. He was undoubtedly one of the most delightful, most affable, and most talented men I have known during my tenure in this body. I believe I am safe in saying that because he operated on such a high level BILL BATES was one man about whom no one ever cast a disparaging remark.

It was my privilege to know him well. I served with him on the Armed Services Committee. On occasions I traveled with him. I never saw him when he was not smiling and cheerful. BILL was a man of strong convictions, which he often asserted with courage, candor, and firmness. On our committee he was a tower of strength. He was one of the most learned men on matters relating to the military I have known. In that respect he compares with our present

chairman, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. Rivers), and the immediate past chairman, the great and incomparable Carl Vinson, and also the former distinguished chairman, Dewey Short, who made eloquent tribute to his departed friend at the funeral services.

Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was a truly great American. In statesmanship he was preeminent. He was a perfect gentleman, a man of immense ability, a fighter for sound principles, a compassionate individual, a man of honor and integrity, and a dedicated legislator. The Nation desperately needs more men of the caliber of our departed friend.

To Mrs. Bates and other members of the family I extend my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

ADDRESS BY HON. RICHARD C. WHITE

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, I am a new member of the Armed Services Committee, and of a different party than was WILLIAM BATES, and therefore knew him only casually. This casualness gave me the opportunity to evaluate objectively, though superficially, the man WILLIAM BATES.

On three frames of evidence can I judge him, my own experience, and how two different groups regarded him. Personally, on the occasions of my two encounters with him he treated me with politeness and friendliness, I was struck by his joviality, his self-confidence, and command.

It is said that a Congressman has two constituencies, one in his own district, and the other his colleagues in Congress. Each day he builds or destroys his reputation with each constituency.

With each eulogy today it is apparent how well BILL BATES built his reputation in the Congress. As an objective witness of his colleagues' reaction to him, in word and deed, I confirm that which has been said of him today.

I was honored to be a member of the funeral party from Congress. Since there were so many dignitaries, including a large number of Congressmen attending the funeral in the historic town of Salem,

I would expect there to be many curiosity seekers lining the route of the funeral march, and perhaps there were some. But I was very impressed with the solemnity of and respect of the relatively large numbers of people lining the streets. These were not curiosity seekers. For the most part they were parents with their children, businessmen, and other townspeople. Pictures of Congressman BATES bordered in black were taped to shop windows and windows of homes. Mothers stood quietly on the roadways and told their small children to hush, and no one moved.

As a witness to these most respectful and impressive services, and with the evidence of each individual face I studied along the funeral path, I can conclude only that man I casually knew was indeed a fine man, a patriot, a human being of much substance, a true product of a solid community that has its roots in the beginnings of our great country.

ADDRESS BY HON. ALTON LENNON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. Speaker, the death of our colleague, BILL BATES, was a keen personal loss. In close association with him as members of the Committee on Armed Services, I came to regard him as a genuine friend. The secret of friendship, as a great essayist so aptly stated, is trust. I had implicit confidence and trust in BILL. He was a gentleman in every sense.

BILL BATES was a man of wisdom and great loyalty. I admired and respected his effectiveness, his tolerance, and his fairness. He served our committee, his constituency, and our Nation faithfully and diligently. I am deeply grateful for his contribution and his warm friendship.

To Mrs. Bates and the family, I extend my sincere personal sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. LOUIS C. WYMAN

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to participate in this tribute to the finest Congressman I have ever known.

I speak more as a personal friend of our dear departed colleague, BILL BATES than as a Member and his colleague in this body. My association with BILL BATES goes beyond membership in this great House, where he was very kind and very good to me when I first came here as a junior Member, as he was to so many in this House on both sides of the aisle.

BILL always had a friendly hand for all Members in need, and yet he had the courage, the fighting will, the determination to face gut challenges, as the gentlemen who have spoken so highly of him here today have repeatedly indicated.

Mr. Speaker, when I was out at Bethesda Naval Hospital with blood poisoning over Memorial Day, BILL came to my room from his room on the same floor of the hospital. I had intravenous penicillin and I could not get out of bed. Yet BILL walked from his room over to mine and sat down and attempted, if you can believe it, to console me when my heart and soul was in torment for him. He did say, sort of wistfully, "At least, LOU, you are going to be leaving here sometime."

I knew that BILL BATES was an important person when I first came to the Congress. I knew that he was powerful as the senior ranking member on the Republican side of the Committee on Armed Services at a time when perhaps no committee is as powerful as the Committee on Armed Services in the affairs of a country at war. But you would never know that he was powerful from BILL. BILL always had a smile, he always had humility, and he always had reverence. His concern for our military men and their welfare and for the security of this country against its foreign enemies exceeded or at least equaled that of any other Member of this body. Yet he did not carry it like a klieg light on his suit.

Mr. Speaker, there are two other simple facts I would like to mention about BILL BATES. I played golf with him, too, on many occasions as did the distinguished Member from Illinois (Mr. Arends). One of those occasions was late last fall when on a golf course that had a par 72, BILL BATES, who left us because of the scourge of cancer just a few days ago, scored a 73. I was tremendously impressed. He was an excellent golfer and a fine competitor.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most tragic things about his death is that just 2 years ago he, and his lovely wife Jean bought a camp at Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire in my district. In Indian language "Winnipesaukee" means the "Smile of the Great Spirit." BILL's cabin was on northern shores of that lake. It had blueberries and sandy beaches, and BILL took an interest in and had enthusiasm for this camp. I went up there to visit him. He was very happy there and spoke of the years ahead when he could retire and spend more time there. It is awful that a man so deserving should have been denied this.

For no reason, Mr. Speaker, BILL has been called and has left us. Our sympathies and our heartfelt sorrow go out to his beautiful and courageous wife Jean and his pretty daughter Sue and the members of his family. Perhaps the best way to look at his tragic passing is to believe that God had more important work elsewhere for such a fine man. There was no other reason to take him away from us.

So, as BILL is now in the happy hunting grounds, we mourn his loss and we are grateful for the years of friendship and association with him that enriched our lives. We think of him as carrying on as dear in the love of there as in the love of here. We think of him still the same—I say he is not dead. He is just away.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM L. HUNGATE

OF MISSOURI

Mr. Speaker, I was not of the same party nor of the same State as BILL BATES, and I did not serve on the same committee with him, but one event occurred in debate that was unforgettable to me. There was an important measure relating to national defense up on the floor.

I was detained, as some of us are at times, with constituents and phone calls. I came to the floor and BILL BATES came to the floor and I asked some questions that were not really friendly. As you know how capable and aggressive and able BILL was, he answered my questions thoroughly and completely and, as a matter of fact, when he got through I wished that I had never thought of them. That was not unusual in debate, but what occurred next was. In about 15 or 20 minutes BILL BATES came by and said that he was revising and extending his remarks and he wondered if I wanted to revise mine, and he would revise his in such a way that there was no unnecessary unfavorable light placed on any Member. This is the sort of dimension which this man had, vigorous and aggressive, working for the best interests of our country, but concerned also that he not embarrass any other Member unnecessarily.

Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was a big man any way you looked at him.

ADDRESS BY HON. CLARENCE J. BROWN

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest privileges given those of us who attempt to serve our Nation and our constituents in this body is the opportunity to know the men and women who share this responsibility we have. I consider the opportunity to have known BILL BATES and to have served with him in the U.S. Congress as one of the high privileges I have enjoyed.

Knowledgeable in the intricate business of Government and the awesome responsibility of seeing to the specialized needs of our Nation's defense, BILL served his nation and all its people well. The men, women, and children who are my constituents in Ohio may never have known BILL BATES, but they benefited as Americans from his leadership in defense matters without sharing the privilege of knowing him.

The people of his Massachusetts district, of course, knew BILL personally and could take joy from that just as they could take pride in his service to his nation and satisfaction in his work for them and their district. More than that, his constituency is to be honored for

recognizing his abilities and his leadership and returning him to Congress again and again.

Capable Congressman and able leader, patriot and politician, all these and more. BILL BATES was a strong family man, a real gentleman, and a friendly and cordial human. As a fellow congressional brat, I understand the affection he had for this body and all its Members. It was as warm and sincere as was his love for his Massachusetts district which he fit like a glove and for his family which he worshipped.

To his family, his constituency, and to all of us, I extend sympathy. We are richer for having known BILL and poorer for having lost him.

ADDRESS BY HON. SAMUEL S. STRATTON

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was one of the finest Members of this House I have had the pleasure of knowing and serving with. His untimely death takes from this Chamber a man who was intensely and profoundly knowledgeable in many of the most important issues of the day, especially those related to national defense and the uses of atomic energy. We shall be the weaker here on this floor because the penetrating and discerning mind, and the common-sense, down-to-earth good judgment of BILL BATES are gone.

But equally, we have been deprived of one of the most friendly, most genuinely joyous and exuberant Members of this House, a man whose friendliness and warming smile were really unique among his colleagues, and whose qualities of character and patience helped to lubricate the sometimes ponderous and frequently sticky wheels of legislative achievements in a most successful way.

For the 11 years I have been privileged to serve in this body I was proud to be a friend of BILL BATES. We served together in the Naval Reserve unit that functioned for a time here on this Hill, and our group had no more regular or dedicated member than the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Though BILL had given up a very promising naval career to come to the Congress 19 years ago, he never lost his interest in and his

devotion to the Navy, which he continued to serve until his death as a Reserve officer.

In addition, I had the privilege of working with BILL through all these years on the Armed Services Committee. When I came to Congress in 1959 BILL was one of the more junior members on the Republican side of the aisle. But he was also one of the committee's most knowledgeable and discerning questioners. We who were freshmen members soon came to recognize that BILL BATES was among the most effective members of the whole committee—and one of the least partisan. As a result he accomplished much for those aspects of defense in which he had a special interest.

In the past 4 years, as the committee's ranking minority member, BILL BATES also proved to be a real leader, and a real stalwart for a solid, sensible national defense. He fought for a rehabilitated and revitalized Navy, to meet the twin threats of growing American obsolescence and growing Soviet naval expansion. He fought for increased submarine strength and for increased capability against Soviet submarines.

And as a member of the special Hardy subcommittee investigating our worldwide defense commitments during 1967 and 1968, BILL BATES made a unique contribution. He was a pillar of strength, a pillar of good sense, a man who could always be counted on to cut swiftly, sometimes even bluntly, through cant and evasion to get to the heart of any matter under discussion.

Our committee will miss his decisiveness, his wry humor, and his tremendous capacity for hard work as we face the increasingly more difficult problems ahead of us this year.

Nothing was perhaps more characteristic of BILL BATES' attitude toward life than the manner of his leaving it. Though he apparently had some intimation of his final illness, when the committee reconvened early this year, BILL never uttered a complaint, never dropped his familiar smile, never imposed his own worries on his friends and colleagues. As a result, even when he entered Bethesda Naval Hospital we could not really believe that he was ill. He was just too vital a person; it was just too unbelievable to think of BILL BATES as being sick or incapacitated in any way, most certainly he would soon be back among us again, cheering us up, bringing his own warmth and enthusiasm to grace our meetings, and the notes we got from BILL

from his hospital room continued to reflect that same jovial, optimistic spirit.

Even though we eventually learned the nature of his illness, we could just not bring ourselves to believe that BILL BATES would not somehow overcome it all, and soon be back among us again. The news of his final passing came literally as an unexpected shock to all of us. Perhaps it should not have, but it did. Not BILL BATES. Anybody but BILL BATES.

Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES is gone now from these Halls and all of us are the poorer for having lost him. But we are grateful for having had the opportunity, if only for a season, of basking in the sunshine of his smile and his personality, and we will always be the better for it. We pause to salute our friend here today, Mr. Speaker, and we shall do our level best to carry on for him the work which he advanced so brilliantly to build a stronger and a safer and a more prosperous America for all of us.

The stately ships sail on
To their haven under the hill,
But, oh for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM B. WIDNALL

OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Speaker, my heart is full when I rise to speak about our longtime friend and colleague BILL BATES. First I have always found myself particularly inadequate in having the ability to say the right thing at a time when one really is emotionally involved. I respected and admired BILL BATES very much. We came to Congress at about the same time—I happened to precede him by 2 weeks—in February of 1950. With our colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. John Saylor, BILL and I were the three that called ourselves "The Illegitimates," because we came in in between elections. We were not picked up in any class of the Congress, or anything like that. We were never invited to special briefings where we heard the inside story from the administration, or from those who were in power in the agencies,

and we did not have the opportunity sometimes to socialize with Members of our own group, because we had come in at the wrong time, in between elections.

I found soon after I was here that BILL BATES was building himself a reputation as one of the finest Members in Congress. I also found that he had gone to the same alma mater that I had—Brown University, where he had been a very outstanding representative in athletics, a man with fine abilities all the way through, and with a good academic record when he graduated from the university. He left behind him at the university a very healthy heritage. He was a fine example there, as he was throughout his life.

Wherever he came in contact with others, BILL was human, understanding, and outgoing. I know when we moved from one office building to another, and we left BILL at that point, who had been officed down the corridor, that the people on my staff hated to move because they were going to miss his early morning greeting as he came down the hall and said "Hello, hello," in a way that was warm and appreciated by all.

He always had a smile. He was always one who gave a buoying effect to the life of others, and we loved to have him around.

BILL made great contributions in the House, with his work on the committee, with his devotion to the service that he was in, and let us not forget his devotion to his family. That was always first with him. He never neglected his family because of politics.

Always, through year after year, he built and commanded the respect of his colleagues in the House because they knew they could depend on him. He was one who believed in the best for America, and the best for the country.

And he would press his point to the full, although sometimes it might not be the popular viewpoint.

He has a fine family. He was a good man. He was a great father. He just had a friendly way about him that won friendship. He never lost friends—he gained friends. Year by year he built his constituency which was not just a place in Massachusetts but the world in which he moved.

BILL is one whose example can be taken by all of us in the Congress. If when we have to pass on we could have the same type of record he had, I am sure we could go with pride in our hearts that we have been responsible for a job well done.

To Jean and the family, Marjorie and I wish to extend our sincerest sympathy. BILL was a good man, a fine man, and a great American.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT L. LEGGETT

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives and this Nation are better places because of the outstanding service of your and my friend, BILL BATES of Massachusetts. His death last week created a vacancy in the hearts of my House Armed Services Committee on which he served that will not be replaced.

BILL was a great American though a member of the other great national party than myself. Partisanship was never a bar to true friendship for him. BILL had a lucid intellect in committee—concerned primarily with national security—he was not a rubberstamp to Pentagon demands; his concern was that defense funds not be wasted.

BILL's concern when I first met him 7 years ago was for the Navy that he loved and, particularly, the health of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. As long as BILL was in Congress nobody ever seriously questioned that this remarkable naval shipyard would ever be scrapped. As a tribute to our colleague and because the decision was wrong I think that the best thing and prudent action that his House Armed Services Committee should do would be to formally set aside in legislation the Secretary of Defense order of November 1965 fixing an unrealistic limited life on this great naval shipyard.

To BILL's wife and daughter I want to extend sympathy from the Democratic side and to assure you that in the mind of this Congress your husband and father made a continuing significant contribution to his country.

ADDRESS BY HON. OTIS G. PIKE

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, there are very few Americans alive today of whom it can be said honestly that the Nation as a whole would miss them. It can be said honestly that the Nation will indeed miss BILL BATES.

From his vantage point as ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, BILL saw the Nation's problems with foresight, insight, and perspective. He not only understood the weakness of the Nation, he understood its strengths, too, and moved quietly and competently to correct its weaknesses and preserve its strengths.

He would undoubtedly have enjoyed being chairman of the committee, and he would have made a good one, too, but the fates decreed that he should be the leader of the minority, and he fulfilled that role with honor and judgment and wisdom. He could usually contribute a warm laugh to a tense situation and a kind word to a person with whom he disagreed. He brought a balance and a stability to the deliberations of the committee and of the Congress. We can ill afford to lose these attributes, and the committee, the Congress and the Nation are all poorer places for his passing.

ADDRESS BY HON. FLOYD V. HICKS

OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in tribute to WILLIAM H. BATES.

Although he had been here many years, although he had earned considerably more influence in the affairs of the Congress than most of us can hope ever to have, although he was one of the busiest men on Capitol Hill—he still had time for a freshman Congressman, and he took that time to make this one feel at home.

When I first arrived in 1965, I sat directly in front of Mr. BATES in the seating arrangement of the Committee on Armed Services. He was in the upper row and I was in the lower, and as you well know it is a long, long way between those rows as we measure distances here. Still, BILL BATES bridged that distance most generously. We talked frequently and at some length during lulls in our hearings, and I came to know and appreciate his vast knowledge and generous nature. And the better I got to know him, the more I respected him. His great knowledge of the affairs of the committee and of the Congress, he shared willingly and without once revealing any impatience that he no doubt often felt.

I was not the exception, of course. He was as kind and patient with all with whom he came in contact. He was busy, and he never truly had time; but he made time for those who needed help. I suppose, looking back, that I imposed on him too much. But he never let me feel that I was imposing.

You know, Mr. Speaker, in this place of power and pressures, you can hear just about anything you are willing to listen to, about anybody. Under that circumstance, I consider it remarkable to the point of being phenomenal that never once did a single unkind word come to my attention concerning BILL BATES, despite his length of service and prestigious position on the committee and in the Congress.

I found BILL BATES to be a strong and wise and generous and patient man; a gentleman, and an extremely effective Member of Congress.

I miss him, and the Congress misses him. We all are the worse for his passing.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM L. DICKINSON

OF ALABAMA

Mr. Speaker, nothing could have saddened me more than the news of the untimely death of our friend and colleague, Representative WILLIAM H. BATES of the Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts. The House of Representatives, the State of Massachusetts, and the entire Nation have lost a dedicated public servant—one to

whom most of us in this Chamber have looked for advice and consultation at one time or another.

BILL BATES, ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, was one of the hardest working and most dedicated Members of the House. His service to the people of his district for 19 years stands as a goal toward which all Members of the House should work. He was one of the most knowledgeable men in the field of military affairs in the Nation and perhaps knew more about the Navy than any other Member of the Congress.

Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was my friend, and his passing leaves a void in this Chamber that will not be filled for many years. His effervescent personality, his constant smile, and his friendly nature will be sorely missed by all of us. To his widow, his daughter, and all other members of his family, I express my deepest sympathy for their loss.

It was through BILL BATES that I got on the Armed Services Committee. It was principally through his influence that I got my subcommittee assignments. I felt very close to BILL, and in retrospect I cannot think of him in my mind's eye that I do not see him smiling. If he had a trademark, it was with his chest stuck out and a big smile on his face. He was a big man in every respect, but a gentle person. He will be sorely missed because here, indeed, was a man touched with greatness. Few, if any, will ever know what he really meant to this country and to its security by virtue of the position he held in this Congres and on his committee.

I am very pleased and honored to be able to join with my colleagues in tribute to this great American today. Every man and every woman in this country lost a friend with the passing of BILL even if they did not know him. And those that did know him will always miss him.

ADDRESS BY HON. WM. J. RANDALL

OF MISSOURI

Mr. Speaker, I would not want this day go by without joining in this tribute to our beloved colleague, BILL BATES. It was my privilege to serve with him, for several terms as a member of our Armed Services

Committee. BILL was the distinguished son of a distinguished father. He succeeded his father, George Bates, in the Congress in 1950. At the time of his election he had already distinguished himself in the Naval service for more than 9 years, because in order to come to Congress he had to resign his commission as lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy.

The regard or esteem which fellow Members have for a colleague is in itself not only a mark of his success in Congress but a good measuring rod of the man himself. To say BILL was respected, admired, and held in high esteem is an understatement. He was genuinely beloved by all of his associates, on both sides of the aisle.

The previous speaker made reference to his good disposition and to the fact that he always carried a smile. I would go even further to say that his good disposition was contagious. He had a way, regardless of how one might feel, to make his colleagues feel better by just enjoying a brief visit with him. I distinctly recall that in the old days, before the Rayburn Building, as we would pass walking through the tunnel, he would frequently say to a colleague with a serious or worried expression on his face, "Oh, come now, it isn't that bad. This isn't the end of the world. Come on, cheer up. Things are not really as bad as they sometimes seem."

Time and time again when I was in company with a family of visiting constituents, I have passed BILL in the hall or in an elevator or on the subway cars. He would always take the time to praise his fellow Congressman in the presence of his constituents and to tell them how lucky they were to be represented by such a good man. I realize this may be a commonplace practice, but he made his remarks seem so genuine and so sincere that I had the feeling my people believed what he was saying was really true.

He was a real hard worker on our Armed Services Committee. He was a man who was knowledgeable because he did his homework. He was so well informed that, when we would have a witness before the committee, he would frequently correct the testimony of the witness, for factual errors. Many times he would go so far as to say, "You testified differently last year. That is not what you told us last year. You had a different story last year. Now why do you tell us something else this year?"

It was amazing the knowledge he possessed of the Armed Forces. No Member was better informed on all branches of the service than BILL BATES.

It has been our sad duty to attend the memorial services for several of our departed colleagues over the past several years. Yet I have never seen a greater tribute to any Member than the outpouring in Salem, Mass. There was an expression of sincere sorrow on the faces of those thousands of people who lined the streets on June 26 in the beautiful city of Salem. Among that great outpouring was the Governor of his State, his two U.S. Senators, a member of the President's Cabinet, the entire Massachusetts delegation, and about 20 members from the Joint Atomic Energy Committee and the Armed Services Committee. Present were the great, the near great, and his fellow townsmen—but they all exhibited their grief, knowing they were poorer because of the loss of a valued friend.

On several occasions BILL would say, "You know, I have something in common with you, Bill, because my good wife came from Missouri. You know, most of you Missourians are pretty good folks." I am sure the sympathy of all of us goes out to the gracious Mrs. Bates and to the lovely daughter who was the apple of his eye. May the Good Lord bless and comfort them in their sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. L. MENDEL RIVERS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman for giving me an opportunity to pay my humble respects to a great American, BILL BATES.

I guess no one in this House or this Congress worked closer with this great American than did I. I was one of those favored with the great and priceless privilege of journeying to New England, the great, sturdy part of America from which this magnificent American came.

We have seen those countless thousands of Americans come out to pay homage and tribute to their native son. They came from all over New England. As the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr.

Boland) has said, the church, the streets, the itinerary to the cemetery were lined by people from every walk of life, grief stricken, and humble in their homage to this man. This was a sight I shall never forget.

It was fitting, at the birthplace of our Navy, for one of its heroes. He reposes in his beloved and native soil.

Mr. Speaker, all of us who have been here a number of years have served with some of the giants of the past who have trod our halls. My memory harkens back to people like Dewey Short and Frank Fellows on the Republican side, and others like Carl Vinson, Sam Rayburn, and the late Bob Doughton.

Bill Bates ranks with them all. He ranks with them all.

He was busy in his everlasting patriotism, too busy in his unlimited devotion to his country, in his indefatigable energy in behalf of the security of America. He was quite busy.

As the poet said, he was too busy to realize:

> But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
> Too full for sound and foam,
> When that which drew from out the boundless deep
> Turns again home.

That was Bill Bates. I am reminded of another giant of the past, the late Clif Woodrum, who used to remark about the vintage or the class or the group with whom we serve, like a college fraternity or a college group with whom we go either to college or to a university. He used to cite a poem I should like to share with you. It goes something like this:

> Where is now that happy party
> I remember years ago—
> Dancing around friendly fireside
> Cheered by its ruddy glow—
> Or in Summer's balmy evening
> In the fields upon the hay
> They are all dispersed and wandered—
> Far away.
> Some have gone from us forever
> Longer here they might not stay—
> But they have found a fairer region—
> Far away.

Bill Bates is one of them. Oh, yes, in God's inexorable plan his place will be fulfilled, but, Mr. Speaker, not in our time.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN B. ANDERSON

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues from Massachusetts in expressing my sorrow at the death of WILLIAM H. BATES.

It was my privilege to serve with BILL BATES on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Through our work on the committee, we came to be close friends. Those of us who served with him on the joint committee respected him for his diligence and thoughtfulness in approaching the complex matters under the committee's jurisdiction.

Indeed, BILL BATES was highly respected by all who knew him. The people of the Sixth District of Massachusetts have shown their respect for him by electing him to this body in the 81st Congress and subsequently to every Congress to the present one. I respected him and admired him not only because of his work on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, but also for his compassion, sense of justice, warmth, and his dedication to serving America.

The Joint Committee, and the whole House, will miss BILL. The State of Massachusetts will miss him, and the Republican Party will miss him. I will miss him as a dear friend and esteemed colleague. Mrs. Anderson joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to this family. They are in our prayers during this time of sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES A. BURKE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, it is with a saddened spirit that I rise today to pay tribute to an old and dear friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES. I was deeply grieved to learn of his untimely death.

Having attended St. James parochial school in Salem, Worcester Academy, Brown University, and Harvard Business School, BILL entered the Navy. BILL served until the tragic death of his father left

vacant the congressional seat for the Sixth District of Massachusetts. In 1950 he was elected to that seat and remained in Congress since that time.

During these 11 terms in Congress he rose to be the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and second ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. For the past 4 years, he served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the NATO parliamentarians conference and was a member of the conference's military committee.

A deeply religious man, BILL carried into his daily life the principles of Christianity, especially the commandment to "Love one another." For BILL BATES did love his fellow man. His entire life was a model of service and untiring efforts to improve the lives of those he served. Until the very end he fought for those less fortunate. His example will remain a source of inspiration.

His loyalty, sincerity of purpose, high ideals, and personal warmth made him a devoted friend and called forth friendship in return. I know few men who commanded as much respect, admiration, and love from all he met. This fine man was rare indeed. I shall always cherish the memory of his friendship.

My sympathy and my prayers are with Mrs. Bates and the family during this difficult time.

Only once during his last trying 3 months did BILL BATES talk with a newspaperman. It was James A. Shea, editor of the Salem Evening News, serving the Congressman's home city. On the day following the large and impressive funeral services, Jim Shea recalled that occasion at the Bethesda Naval Medical Center. It was as follows:

[From the Salem (Mass.) Evening News, June 27, 1969]

THE MILLION DOLLAR SMILE . . . THE FIRM HANDSHAKE . . . THE FIGHTING SPIRIT

(By Jim Shea)

SALEM.—"I'm giving this thing a real good fight, Jim."

When U.S. Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES clutched my hand and uttered these words less than 2 months ago in his hospital room at the Bethesda Naval Center in Maryland, I had to bite my lip.

"BILL" BATES knew he had cancer and he did everything he could to beat it but it just wasn't to be.

The nation's best medical brains tended to the needs of the Salem congressman but the disease apparently was in such an advanced state when it was discovered that there was no chance to reverse the spread of the cancer.

When BATES was told by his physicians that he was suffering from lymphoma, his first question to the doctors was "what can we do about it?"

During the approximately 3-month period since that diagnosis, the congressman underwent a testing period of X-ray treatments which drained him physically and emotionally.

Strong physically, a low-handicap golfer and a former star football player, BATES played the book of life close to the vest with moderate habits.

But he was still struck down at the peak of his career.

How can you figure it?

When I dropped in on him that day at Bethesda for a 10-minute stay, I got a firm handshake, the familiar million-dollar BATES smile, and the query, "How's all the boys at The News?"

With then just 2 months to live, BILL BATES was still making that extra effort at friendliness. It is a remarkable trait which so few of us can generate in good times and bad.

When all is said and done about Rep. BATES, the lasting memories will probably not come from the substantial legislative record which he established but rather through the niceties he extended to the people back home.

All of us have had a touch of it.

It might have been a move by him to get a relative home from the service because of a family emergency, or some help on a disability pension or a question about Social Security benefits.

Remember all those pictures of Rep. BATES posing on the steps of the Capitol with high school groups, clubs, football teams?

You think this was easy day after day. Sure, they were voters and future voters but many congressmen in districts not nearly as safe as BATES' just won't take the time to be nice.

My family got a touch of that BATES hospitality a couple of summers back and my five children still talk of "how nice Mr. BATES was." He gave them all a fountain pen, bought them a soft drink in the House dining room and gave them a full tour of the Capitol.

It might seem cornball to some but isn't, after all, service the name of the game in Congress?

BILL BATES was Mr. Service in this regard and without being gushy about it, I hate to see him dead at the zenith of a great career.

ADDRESS BY HON. PHILIP J. PHILBIN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, the tragic passing of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, a native son of Massachusetts of whom we will always be proud, was one of the greatest Congressmen ever to serve in this body.

In a few short weeks, this great public servant and fine human being, whom we all loved, was called to his Maker, leaving us stunned, inarticulate, and unbelieving.

To those of us who knew him well, BILL BATES seemed almost indestructible. He was young, vigorous, vibrant, and in perfect health.

He was a trained athlete who had engaged in big time college athletics as an outstanding football star and other college sports.

He was an expert champion golfer, who could, and did, play with the best golfers on Capitol Hill, national champions though some of them were, and more than held his own.

When he told me one day in the committee that he was not feeling well, I dismissed it as a mere temporary indisposition, because he was so strong, so active, so dynamic and in the full bloom of health, physical and mental vigor that I could not conceive of his being seriously ill.

Yet in a short time, before he had yet reached the prime of his powers, he was called to that land from whose bourne no traveler ever returns, leaving us incredulous, and bowed in deepest grief for the loss of such a dear one and such a great one, whom we esteemed, cherished, and loved beyond measure.

BILL BATES had a tremendously brilliant career. From school and college days, he was most successful, outstanding in everything he undertook, in every facet of his life.

Athlete, scholar, war veteran, Congressman, he was in turn honored by his schoolmates, his shipmates, his colleagues, and his fellow citizens and friends by the legion in innumerable ways.

He was esteemed, lauded and loved by all who knew him.

Strong in loyalties and convictions, firm in his commitments to his country, his duties and his friends, a red-blooded, two-fisted, God-fearing American, a devoted husband, a loving father, son, and brother, he was outgoing, warm-hearted, generous, and true in all his relationships in his public commitments, strong as the granite in his native New England hills, and in his compassion and love of his fellowman and his friends as gentle as a summer zephyr.

BILL BATES' sparkling, magnetic personality drew people around him like a magnet, and his beaming smile, congenial manner and kindness, understanding and willingness to help others, won for him, not only deep respect, but the sincere affection of everyone.

Few, if any, Members of this House have ever commanded the universal respect for his ability, his high standards, nobility of purpose, generosity and wholeheartedness of impulse and spirit and his sense of dedication than our late, lamented, wonderful friend, BILL BATES.

Among many magnificent attributes which he possessed was his profound religious faith which dominated his life. In all his relationships, official and personal, in and out of this Chamber, in thought, deed and action, he lived and exemplified the very finest traditions of this body, his home State and the American creed of freedom, equality, and justice for all.

There could never be another BILL BATES. Our great Armed Services Committee, of which he was ranking minority member, and the House will never be the same without him, because he brought to our deliberations a brilliance of capacity, responsibility, ideas and ideals, knowledge, experience, expertise, and calm balance that truly made him invaluable to the committee, the House, and to the country.

His many memorable contributions to the House, the Congress, the country, our great State and to the people could never possibly be excelled.

He has made a record here that will long stand out as a gleaming light of inspiration.

It would not be possible to replace a man of such total dedication, sincerity, industry, ability, unyielding purpose and work to give to his most vital, important duties the last full measure of his talents, energy, and devotion.

All of us join in mourning this noble man, comrade, and friend. We join his sadly bereaved family, his devoted wife, lovely daughter, wonderful mother, sisters and brothers in their great sorrow. We humbly offer our prayers, our condolences, our consolations, and our unmeasured sympathy for their truly irreparable loss, which we so poignantly and sorrowfully share.

The example of BILL BATES' peerless service will be indelibly inscribed in the annals of this House, and our Armed Services Committee, for all to honor and strive to emulate, and for the whole Nation to admire and appreciate.

We shall miss our beloved friend and colleague, BILL BATES.

We shall never forget him. His spirit will remain with us.

God love him.

Mr. Speaker, under unanimous consent I include some newspaper articles concerning Congressman BATES:

[From the Boston (Mass.) Herald-Traveler, June 23, 1969]

LODGE, SARGENT LEAD TRIBUTES

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge yesterday called the death of U.S. Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES (R-Salem) "a shocking and grievous" loss.

"I have lost a warm and cherished friend," he said of the man who had worked diligently in his behalf in the 1960 presidential election.

Lodge said BATES was "a public servant in the finest tradition, that of his distinguished father. He was good and sagacious. He never spared himself in the performance of his duty, and his decisions were motivated by his high sense of patriotism.

"My deepest sympathy goes out to his family."

Gov. Francis W. Sargent termed BATES' death a "loss to the Massachusetts people he so ably represented, and indeed to the nation.

"A man who could combine the national interest with the human concerns of the people of his district is a rare man," he said. "WILLIAM BATES did that in such a fashion that we will not soon forget.

"Mrs. Sargent joins me in sympathy extended to his family."

U.S. Rep. Hastings Keith (R-West Bridgewater) said, "BILL BATES was a congressman whose purpose and accomplishments were utterly and completely in the public interest.

"He was admired, respected and loved by his constituents and colleagues in government.

"As the senior representative on the Armed Services Committee, it was to him that we looked for advice and counsel as to the military programs

of our nation. We are going to certainly miss him in this regard in these trying times."

U.S. Rep. James A. Burke (D-Milton) said, "I am grieved by the sad and untimely passing of my friend, Congressman William H. Bates.

"Bill was a man of the best character and highest motives. His loyalty, sincerity of purpose and concern for others made him a devoted friend and dedicated public official.

"Bill was a deeply religious man and a man who inspired others by his consideration and kindness . . . We will miss him. I shall always cherish his friendship."

Miss Carolyn Standley of Beverly, one of the prime movers for Bates' campaigns, said he was "one of the greatest persons I have ever known.

"His success was that he simply liked people and wanted to help them. This is what made him such a great man."

Rep. David E. Harriston (D-Gloucester) chairman of the Democratic State Committee:

"Today the Commonwealth mourns the great loss of U.S. Congressman William H. Bates of the Sixth District.

"Rep. Bates' final struggle of courage was only the last for his great cause. He was the possessor of an outstanding record in defense of his country in wartime and the holder of an outstanding record in the U.S. Congress.

"No person, no request was ever too small for his prompt attention. Democrats as well as Republicans in the Commonwealth mourn his loss."

State Sen. William L. Saltonstall (R-Manchester) said in a telegram to Mrs. Bates, "Since I first met Bill Bates, I have respected him as a man and for the work he has done for his country.

"Bill had the courage when the going was tough, the character to do whatever was necessary, the compassion to care for his people as individuals, and wherever he went, he made friends who loved him. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. We have lost an honored friend."

Rep. F. Bradford Morse (R-Lowell) said:

"I have never known a more honest, a more decent man than Bill Bates. I have never known a more courageous, respected, and effective legislator than Bill Bates. I have never known a finer American than Bill Bates.

"The people of Massachusetts, the people of the United States have suffered an enormous loss, for Bill Bates made his state, his city, indeed the world better places."

Representative Bates Succumbs to Cancer

(By Theresa McMasters)

Washington.—U.S. Rep. William Henry Bates, 52, of the Massachusetts Sixth District, a former Navy officer who championed the nuclear navy and development of peaceful uses of atomic energy, died yesterday of stomach cancer.

Death came at 8 a.m., in the Bethesda Navy Medical Center. By coincidence, the Navy Band at the time was playing "The Star Spangled Banner" for regular morning colors beneath his hospital window.

For the past 3 months the congressman had been undergoing treatment for abdominal lymphoma, with several brief stays in the hospital. But he had planned to play yesterday in the golf tournament for members of the Burning Tree Country Club.

His condition weakened at the hospital Saturday night. His wife, the former Pearle Jean Dreyer, was with him when he died. He also leaves a daughter, Susan, a Boston commercial artist, his mother, Mrs. George J. Bates of Salem, Mass., three brothers and three sisters.

Bates was a Navy veteran of World War II and was on active duty in the Navy, as a lieutenant commander supply officer stationed in Philadelphia, when he first ran for Congress to succeed his father, a former Salem mayor and later sixth district congressman.

His father, Rep. George J. Bates and 54 others were killed in a collision over Washington, Nov. 1, 1949, of a commercial airliner and a military plane flown by a Bolivian air officer.

As a naval officer, Lt. Cmdr. Bates was barred from campaigning. Friends took over for him in campaigning in the historic northeastern district where the term "gerrymander" was coined in 1814 after a redistricting by Gov. Elbridge Gerry.

After his election Feb. 14, 1950, Bates resigned from the Navy. At his death, he was serving his 11th term, having been reelected to every term since. He also was a captain in the Naval Reserve.

Rep. Bates was the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and second ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

For the past 4 years he had served as member of the United States delegation to the NATO Parliamentarians Conference. He was a member of the conference's military committee.

The Massachusetts congressman was a leading advocate of import controls to keep alive the New England shoe industry. Last week he and a Massachusetts colleague, Rep. James A. Burke (D-Milton) submitted to President Nixon a petition signed by 302 House members asking for negotiations of tariff rates affecting import of shoes.

He was engaged at the same time in a battle to obtain a reversal of the edict that Portsmouth, N.H., Navy Yard be shut down by 1974. He was a defender of the proposed Anti-Ballistic Missile system.

Although he never made a public speech before his election to Congress, he became recognized as a competent and versatile speaker on the floor and a persuasive debater in committee.

A tall, rugged man who had played football in high school and college, the congressman was an enthusiastic supporter of the Boston Red Sox and the Washington Senators.

Bates was born in Salem April 26, 1917. His Salem home was at 35 Warren St., and in Washington he lived at 1701 Holly St.

He had attended St. James parochial school in Salem and was president of his Salem High School graduating class in 1935. After a year at Worcester Academy, he entered Brown University, graduating in 1940 with a B.A. degree in economics and political science.

He also had a master of arts degree from the Harvard Business School, obtained in 1947 while he was serving in the Navy.

After graduating from Brown, he worked for a time as a clerk for the FBI in Washington, before enlisting in the Navy as an apprentice seaman in 1941.

In World War II he participated in the assaults on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Flags on the Capitol were lowered to half staff in tribute to Bates as soon as his death became known there. The House will hold only a brief session in tribute today, then adjourn.

Speaker John W. McCormack will appoint an official delegation to attend the funeral in Salem. A requiem high mass is scheduled for 11 a.m., Thursday in St. James Church there. Burial will follow in the Bates family lot in St. Mary's Cemetery.

A memorial prayer service will be held in Washington at Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home at 7:30 tonight.

The congressman's three brothers are Raymond, of Marblehead, Mass., George Jr., of Salem and Francis, of Peabody, Mass. The three sisters are Mrs. Mary Sawtelle of East Greenwich, R.I., Mrs. Katharine Ginty of Salem and Mrs. Carolyn Stanton of Marblehead.

[From the Boston (Mass.) Globe, June 23, 1969]

The Son Followed His Father—In Life and in Death

For the second time in two decades the people of Essex County today were mourning the death of their congressman.

George Bates, representative of the 6th Congressional District, was killed Nov. 1, 1949, when a plane he was on crashed in Washington.

Yesterday, his son, William H. Bates, who had served in Congress since his father's death, died in Bethesda Naval Hospital, a victim of cancer.

George Bates, a former mayor of Salem, was 58 when he died.

William Bates, a Navy officer at the time his father was killed, was only 52.

It was a cold, autumn morning in Salem the day the town received the news that George Bates had been killed in an early-morning plane crash just outside Washington. He was returning from a weekend in his home town.

Bill Bates also died during the early morning hours and many of the family's friends in Salem first learned of his death when it was announced at Masses in Catholic churches throughout the city.

Many knew that BILL, who first entered Congress at the age of 32, was sick. Despite this, however, the news that he had died—at 8 a.m.—came as a shock.

George and WILLIAM BATES were not the type of congressmen who made across-the-nation headlines.

They were the type who served the "little man."

Whenever anyone entered the BATES' office on the second floor of Salem's Post Office he seldom found a city or town official there. More likely, he would find a long-time aide, William Heffernan, talking to a little Polish lady from Derby st. in Salem who was worried over her Social Security check.

Another BATES' aide, Carolyn Standley, who coordinated the activities of his Lynn office, might be seen helping a Greek immigrant get his citizenship papers. Or she might be working feverishly on the telephone hoping she could unite a Saugus mother with her son in Vietnam.

It was service of this type which made BILL BATES a favorite candidate among Republicans and Democrats alike. He had some challenges for his position, but he always won by a decisive margin.

Some of his voting records on national issues would be brought under attack during each campaign. But the people of the 6th District were apparently more interested in the fact BATES had been working to help the shoe industry in Haverhill, the hat factories in Amesbury or the fishermen of Gloucester.

It was his various pieces of tariff legislation and his harbor projects that most people in the Sixth District watched. And they applauded him each time his name appeared on the ballot.

Thus, it was easy to understand today in Essex County why a lot of "little people" were sad.

These were the people BILL BATES would welcome at his annual Chowder Party in Hamilton each year.

These were the people who had enjoyed exchanging pleasantries and smiles with his pretty wife, Jean, and their lovely daughter, Susan.

These were the people who cheered BILL BATES when he marched in the Fiesta parades at Gloucester and Homecoming Day parades in Newburyport.

These were also the people who loved George and WILLIAM BATES and for over three decades "Kept Bates in Congress."

REPRESENTATIVE BATES OF SALEM DIES OF CANCER AT 52: REPUBLICAN SERVED ESSEX COUNTY IN CONGRESS SINCE 1950

(By John C. Burke)

WASHINGTON.—U.S. Rep. WILLIAM HENRY BATES of Salem, a World War II Navy officer who entered the House of Representatives in 1950 to fill his father's seat, died yesterday morning at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. The 52-year-old Republican congressman was a victim of cancer.

A member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Com-

mittee on Atomic Energy, Rep. BATES was a strong advocate in Congress for a nuclear Navy developed under the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

His father, George J. Bates, died in 1949 in a Washington plane crash. Both Bates served the 6th Massachusetts District, which consists basically of Essex County, for a total of 33 years.

Services will be held in Washington today.

Washington visiting hours will be 2 to 9 p.m. with a memorial prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home, 5130 Wisconsin Ave.

The body will be flown to Salem tomorrow, where visiting hours will be from 7–9 p.m. tomorrow and 2–5 and 7–9 Wednesday at Hamilton Hall.

A Requiem Mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at St. James Church, Federal St., Salem. Burial will be in the Bates' family lot at St. Mary's Cemetery, Salem.

The House will hold only a brief session today in tribute, then adjourn. Speaker John McCormack will appoint an official delegation to the funeral.

It was not immediately known whether President Nixon would attend, but he did send a message of sympathy to Mrs. Bates soon after learning of the congressman's death. They were good friends.

Although it has not been confirmed it appeared relatively certain last night that Vice President Spiro Agnew will be among those attending the services in Salem Thursday.

BATES had been undergoing X-ray treatment at the Naval Hospital since mid-March. He died quietly at about 8 a.m. His wife, Jean, was at his side. The Bates have one daughter, Susan, 20. She is a Boston commercial artist.

At the time the congressman died a Navy band outside the hospital was playing the National Anthem for regular morning colors.

It was the third time tragedy had struck the Bates' family in less than 30 years. The congressman's brother-in-law, Navy officer James Ginty, was killed during World War II in the South Pacific near the Solomon Islands.

His mother, Mrs. Nora Bates, still lives in Salem. The congressman also leaves three brothers and three sisters, all of whom live in Massachusetts.

His three brothers are George J. of Salem, Raymond H. of Marblehead and Francis of Peabody. The three sisters are Mrs. Courtland (Mary) Sawtelle of East Greenwich, R.I., Mrs. James Ginty of Salem and Mrs. Edmund Stanton of Marblehead.

The congressman's death leaves the House political lineup at 244 Democrats and 188 Republicans with three vacancies.

He was one of 12 representatives from Massachusetts.

BATES advocated sending sufficient manpower and equipment to Vietnam to meet the requests of U.S. military leaders. His last trip to the war zone was early last year. He reported seeing no easy solution to the war, although he did urge South Vietnam to take a larger part in the fighting.

Bates, however, was opposed to the draft because: "I'm old-fashioned enough to believe that many people came to this country to get away from the concept of compulsory military service."

His knowledge of atomic warfare gained admiration from atomic submarine advocate Adm. Hyman Rickover.

Bates introduced legislation to block the merger of the First and Third Naval Districts and also led a movement to have one of the nation's largest carriers named for John F. Kennedy.

Bates had another plus in Congress—he was generally regarded as one of the best golfers in the House.

Bates was the senior Republican member of the Armed Services Committee and the second-ranking House member of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee. In his own district, Bates had concentrated for years on tariff legislation to protect the shoe, hat and fishing industries from foreign competition.

It was successful policy. He was reelected ten times with little trouble each term.

Bates' father was elected to Congress when Rep. A. Piatt Andrew of Gloucester died in 1937.

William Bates resigned as a Navy Lt. Cmdr. to enter Congress in 1950 after his father had been killed on Nov. 1, 1949, returning to Washington by plane from Salem. He was elected in a special election Feb. 14, 1950.

As a Navy officer he had participated in the naval assaults on Iwo Jima and was also stationed on the Japanese mainland. He held the rank of captain in the Naval Reserve at the time of his death. He had entered the Navy as a seaman.

Bates was born in Salem Apr. 26, 1917. He attended elementary and high school at Salem. He later earned bachelor degrees in economics and political science at Brown University and a master's degree at the Harvard School of Business Administration. He was a top football player in high school and college.

William Bates and Pearle Jean Dreyer were married in Festus, Mo., in 1948. They have lived in either Salem or Washington since then.

State Leaders Praise "True Servant"

Former Sen. Leverett Saltonstall led Massachusetts leaders in mourning the death yesterday of U.S. Rep. William H. Bates.

"Bill Bates was a long time friend of mine," Saltonstall said. "We worked together on the Armed Services Committee. He was always well-informed and had very clear opinions on what to do.

"I remember clearly when he came in to see me in his Navy uniform. He wanted advice on whether to run for his father's seat. I urged him to do so.

"He became one of the members who drew the utmost respect and affection from members of both parties. I have personally lost a dear friend and my deepest sympathy goes to his family."

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge said: "The death of Congressman Bates at the very prime of life is a shocking and grievous loss to the people of the district, of the state and of the nation. I have lost a warm and cherished friend.

"He was a public servant in the finest tradition—that of his distinguished father. He was good and he was sagacious. He never spared himself in the performance of his duties and his decisions were motivated by his high sense of patriotism.

"He was gifted with a warm and winning personality which had won him friends in every corner of the United States, as I learned when he and I traveled together in the 1960 campaign.

"My deepest sympathy goes out to his family. May they derive comfort from the pride which they surely feel in his life, so rich in service and friendship."

Republican State Chairman Josiah Spaulding said: "For my part, for my district, but mostly for myself, I express very deep sadness upon the passing of Bill Bates.

"Bill was a man for all seasons and a wise counsel and real friend to thousands who touched his life. He was kind, decent, calm, and strong—a wonderful man who leaves a far poorer world.

"To Jean and the entire family goes all our love and great appreciation for their willingness to share Bill with us for so many years. Bill is an example to us all—a true patriot, a true public servant."

Democratic State Chairman David E. Harrison said: "Not only do we, his constituents, feel the void of his passing today, but likewise the Congress and the nation itself shall be deprived of strength and character, the wisdom and courage, which this fine gentleman personified."

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ADDRESS BY HON. DURWARD G. HALL

OF MISSOURI

Mr. Speaker, the death of our beloved friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts, will leave a void in this Chamber that will be hard to fill, for "BILL" brought exemplification of honor and a feeling of well-being to all who had the privilege of serving with him.

BILL BATES was a proud family man, a hard worker for the Sixth District of Massachusetts, and a dedicated public servant of the Nation.

BILL spent more than half of his life in service to his Nation, including 9 years with the U.S. Navy where he rose from the ranks and attained the rank of lieutenant commander. He resigned from the Navy in 1950 when he was elected to the 81st Congress, and was returned to the House of Representatives in each succeeding election until his untimely death. He served as ranking member of our Committee on Armed Services. He shared his prehospital personal experiences with me, and both professionally and personally I grieve at his loss.

It was my pleasure to serve with BILL on the Committee on Armed Services and I found him to be an able and understanding member, who was respected by those with whom he served. He was a robust and dynamic leader and lead the minority on a committee that knows no partisanship in the Nation's common area of defense.

BILL BATES will be missed by all, and especially those of us who served intimately with him, and were privileged to represent this body at BILL's final services. I join with my colleagues in extending sympathy to his wonderful family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN P. SAYLOR

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, the Congress, the Nation, and the State of Massachusetts have lost one of its distinguished men, and I have lost a great friend.

WILLIAM H. BATES, a member of the congressional class of 1950, a respected member of the leadership of the Republican delegation in Congress, and one of the country's authorities on atomic, naval, and military affairs, was one of those men with whom his colleagues had constant rapport. His knowledge and quiet counsel were of particular value to me.

Of the same party, with overlapping interests, we often "crossed swords" over issues which came before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. But always, BILL BATES knew the essence of compromise, fairness, and openmindedness. Our disagreements led to understanding, and I like to think, this led to better legislation for the country.

BILL BATES' knowledge and insight into military affairs will be sorely missed at a time when the country needs such wise counsel on the future course of national security policy. Few Members of Congress have enjoyed the respect and admiration that we held for our friend and colleague, BILL BATES. He earned and deserved it.

With other Members of the House of Representatives, I mourn the loss of our friend from Massachusetts, and extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. WRIGHT PATMAN

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, the House has suffered a great loss in the passing of the much respected and esteemed gentleman from Massachusetts, WILLIAM HENRY BATES. While we served on different sides of the aisle, my affection and admiration for BILL BATES were deep, and I join with my colleagues today in extending my heartfelt sympathy to his family at this time of great sadness and personal loss.

For nearly two decades BILL BATES was my good friend and colleague in the House. His fine and meaningful contributions to the accomplishments of the Congress in those years were many and sound, and his wise counsel was widely sought by his colleagues. His outstanding ability, integrity, and dedication to duty inspired those who served with him and made him an honored Member of the House, as well as the warm and steadfast friend of all who were privileged to know him.

BILL BATES was a courageous and effective Representative of the Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts and of the American Nation. His interests were many and varied, but it was in the field of national defense that we particularly relied upon him, and as the ranking minority member of the distinguished House Armed Services Committee he worked diligently in strengthening the forces of defense which have so well protected the security and sovereignty of our Nation. His first-hand experience as an officer in the U.S. Navy for almost a decade gave him great insight into defense matters and made him a constructive and knowledgeable contributor to all legislation affecting the military.

We will, indeed, miss BILL BATES, and his splendid service and warm friendship will long keep him in the memory of those Members and associates who had the opportunity to know him, to work with him, and to witness his untiring efforts on behalf of the people and the Nation he loved.

ADDRESS BY HON. FRANK HORTON

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, WILLIAM HENRY BATES of Massachusetts was one of the most dedicated and able Congressmen to serve our Nation in many years.

Representative BATES died last month at the age of 52, in the midst of an energetic and successful career as legislator and guardian of the public interest. His services will be greatly missed.

I am saddened by his death. And yet I am both thankful and proud to have been accorded the rare privilege of serving in this legislative body with so fine a man. His examples will be a perpetual reminder to those of us who must try to carry on the task he so rigidly set for himself—the task of safeguarding democracy in a dangerous and often perplexing age.

BILL had served in Congress for almost 20 years, having succeeded his father who was killed in a Washington plane crash. He was widely known for his advocacy of a modernized nuclear Navy and for his defense of the Central Intelligence Agency in a time when outspoken patriotism was not always fashionable.

The devoted patriotism of WILLIAM BATES was never for a moment in question. He served in the Navy for 9 years, resigning his commission as a lieutenant commander to run for Congress. He was a ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and never stinted in his vigilance on behalf of what he termed "the survival of freedom."

At this time of bereavement, I hope that those closest to him will take comfort in the knowledge that both his colleagues and his constituents considered him a man of unique distinction and outstanding attainment. He will not be forgotten.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT TAFT, JR.

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in honoring the memory of a great Congressman and a great person, WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

BILL BATES had many outstanding characteristics but one that stood out to me from the very beginning to the last of my personal contacts with him, was his unfailing interest and his unreserved willingness to help others. Innumerable times I have consulted with him on the background of legislation or other matters in the Congress, and uniformly, he gave unstintingly of his assistance and of his wise counsel. I know that this was not unique to me, but was offered equally to all who knew him, both in the Congress and out, and that it was done without presumption or expectation of any reward other than the satisfaction that it must surely have given to him.

This unique attribute, when coupled with his experience, intelligence, and judgment, made him a true friend and valued adviser. He will be deeply missed.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM H. NATCHER

OF KENTUCKY

Mr. Speaker, on June 22, we, in the House of Representatives, suffered the loss of one of our finest and most beloved colleagues in the untimely passing of the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

BILL BATES, over a period of 19 years, served his country and his constituents in the Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts with outstanding loyalty and dedication and was indeed a worthy successor to his distinguished father. Even though death has cut short an even more promising future, BILL BATES had already

achieved many fruitful years as a splendid naval officer and an effective Member of the House of Representatives. In his capacity as the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, he was recognized as one of the most knowledgeable Members in the Congress in the particularly complicated field of national defense and certainly the security and welfare of our country could not have been in better hands. His fair-mindedness and objective approach to the most challenging problems never failed to impress his colleagues and served to enhance their respect and admiration for him.

BILL BATES was a man of sound judgment, patience, and perseverance. His compassionate understanding of people and problems, his delightful sense of humor and inherent kindness endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. I shall always consider it a privilege and a pleasure to have served with him and to have known him as a good friend.

He was a great American whose influence will endure for many generations to come because the efforts and accomplishments of such men as BILL BATES cannot be quickly forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, my heartfelt sympathy is with BILL's family and it is my prayer that they are comforted by an abundance of Divine assistance during these sad and difficult days.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN N. ERLENBORN

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, in the death of our colleague, Representative WILLIAM H. BATES, our Nation has lost a patriot. He was a man of quiet good sense and of remarkably broad understanding.

Many will note that he was the ranking minority member of the Armed Services Committee, but it was in his other committee role that he was best known to me. He was the second ranking Republican on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and I found that this New England man was thoroughly conversant with the atomic energy installations in my midwestern district.

He did not hesitate to base his decisions upon the best interests of the Nation which he served so well, both as a naval officer and as a representative of the people.

He was, I repeat, a patriot.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT N. GIAIMO

OF CONNECTICUT

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the death of our dear friend and colleague, BILL BATES.

BILL BATES, vibrant, active, cheerful, a gentleman in every sense of the word, came to this House a short time after his father, Representative George Bates, died tragically in an airline crash here in Washington. In his 19 years in this body, BILL BATES displayed dedication, compassion and a willingness to work, and gained the everlasting respect of his constituents in Massachusetts and his colleagues in the House. Through his diligence, he rose to a prestigious position on both the Armed Services Committee and Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, but he never abused the privileges of his position and power.

It is indeed tragic that BILL BATES died in the prime of his life, but it is even more tragic that he died when his attributes were needed by this Congress and this Nation more than ever before. His ability to think and act rationally will be missed at a time when the military services have come under constant, sometimes irrational, attack. His tolerance for the other point of view will be missed at a time when such tolerance is all too rare. His efforts on behalf of his district, State, and Nation will be missed by all who knew him.

Theodore Roosevelt once said:

> The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight.

With this in mind, I mourn the loss of a great citizen and extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. CRAIG HOSMER

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to sum up in a few words the many contributions to Congress and to the country made by Congressman BILL BATES. He had an all-too-brief lifetime—and our Nation will feel the loss of his leadership and strong hand in Congress in the years to come. He loved life, and his life was with his family and working with the people of his district. He saw success, achievement and occasionally heartbreak.

He came to Congress following the tragic death of his father in an air crash.

In his youth he was an athlete—an excellent football player—as well as a scholar. He served as a naval officer, and the sea was his first career. He brought to the Congress the strength and will of an athlete, the dedication of a naval officer and devotion to the cause of freedom and justice born of his New England ancestry. Above all, the one fundamental thing I am sure he would want to be remembered for was his love of his country. In a time when patriotism is looked on as old-fashioned BILL BATES was proud of his devotion to our Nation.

He held prominent positions in two of the most powerful and respected committees in Congress—the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy where I was privileged to work side by side with him. He brought to these crucial assignments his broad judgment, understanding, dedication and good humor. In a day when tradition, morality and patriotism are being questioned by those who would turn their back on what has made this country great, BILL BATES stood tall as a man who believed in God, country, and the freedom of mankind. He accomplished much and we will miss him very much.

ADDRESS BY HON. LOU FREY, JR.

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, I did not have the privilege of knowing Congressman BATES as long as most of my colleagues in the House. But his name and outstanding reputation were known to me even before I was elected to Congress. BILL BATES' service to his party, State, and Nation is hard to equal. There is no way to replace BILL BATES. I join in honoring the memory of this great gentleman from Massachusetts.

ADDRESS BY HON. ODIN LANGEN

OF MINNESOTA

Mr. Speaker, 18 years of public service has brought me many friends—none that I cherish more than my association with WILLIAM H. BATES. While it was not my privilege to serve with him on any committee, I did have the great benefit of sharing the distinction of appearing with him on a panel at the last Republican convention. Our many personal, social, and official associations before and after that time all have left recollections of a very dedicated, sincere, and most knowledgeable person.

I can recall the many times that I sought the advice and counsel as a new Member of Congress on subjects where he was recognized as an expert. In all instances his advice and help was not only reliable and beneficial, but was provided with a very generous and dedicated attitude.

WILLIAM BATES had a quality of character that was admired and desired by everyone who had the privilege of being exposed to his willingness to serve the best interests of his country and people. I know that my life has been enriched greatly by my association with him. His service in the Navy and in the Congress has brought like

and lasting benefits to all of our citizenry. There are few men or women who are fortunate enough to be gifted with an attitude and understanding that found the acceptance of so many folks as was the history of his life.

There is no combination of words or phrases within my limited range that can properly describe or identify an adequate tribute to the great contributions that he made by the well-directed use of his many talents. The history of our country as well as the history of many other nations throughout the world will carry lasting benefits to all of mankind.

It seems inadequate to merely extend words of sympathy to his wife, family, and relatives, but I am sure that their experience and life with him has been of such quality that it makes up for the inadequacy of these expressions. Mrs. Langen joins me in extending to each of them our most sincere and deepest sympathy with the hope that the future will hold for them a very generous portion of the many comforts and satisfactions that WILLIAM BATES so generously provided to each of us.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT McCLORY

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, our colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts, imbued us with his spirit during his long and distinguished service in the U.S. House of Representatives. This spirit of BILL BATES was apparent in his work on the floor of the House of Representatives and in his social and personal relationships with those of us who were privileged to know him. The joy and inspiration, the encouragement and confidence which he aroused in each of us are part of the spirit of BILL BATES which transcends mortal life and is unaffected by his earthly demise.

The affection and esteem in which Congressman BATES was held by his constituents in the Sixth District of Massachusetts is borne out by his consecutive reelections to the Congress since 1950. His leadership included a position as the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Congressman BATES' stand on the issues was always supported by his thorough knowledge of the subject to which he addressed himself and an underlying determination to do and to say what was best for his country.

BILL BATES expressed more than friendship for his colleagues and others with whom he enjoyed an intimate relationship. His feelings could better be expressed by the words "affection" and "loyalty," qualities which characterized his personal contacts.

It is understandable that many warm and heartfelt expressions would be voiced at this time and that BILL BATES should be remembered with the utmost respect and genuine love.

In this final tribute to the memory of Congressman BILL BATES, I wish also to convey to his widow and daughter my deepest sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. H. ALLEN SMITH

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, I rise on this sad occasion to join my colleagues in the House of Representatives in paying tribute to my dear friend and late colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES.

He was one of the finest gentlemen it has been my privilege to know since serving in the House of Representatives.

He was an outstanding American, a dedicated and fine legislator. His contributions to this body, especially through his distinguished service on the House Armed Services Committee will live on as a lasting memorial.

Although his passing cannot be questioned, it is with deep sorrow that one so young, with such a fine character and way of life should be taken from us.

Mrs. Smith joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. We hope they will find comfort in knowing that he left behind him an example of American statesmanship at its best.

ADDRESS BY HON. LUCIEN N. NEDZI

OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret the untimely passing of our colleague, Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

BILL BATES was cut down in midpassage at a time when he seemed to have two decades of legislative service still ahead of him.

I knew BILL BATES as a decent, well-reasoned individual with whom I could discuss the most critical matters of military affairs on a face-to-face, man-to-man basis. He was understanding of the other fellow's point of view and was one of those solid men of judgment and restraint who make the legislative process work.

I will miss him, not only in the deliberations of the House Armed Services Committee, not only in the Halls of this Chamber, but as a man and a friend.

I extend my sympathy to his wife and family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES A. BYRNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, it is with a saddened heart that I join my colleagues today to honor the memory of my good friend and colleague, Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

It has been my privilege to serve with BILL BATES in Congress for over 16 years, and he will be sorely missed in the Halls of Congress. Massachusetts and the United States has suffered a great loss because this fine man was taken from our midst at such an early age.

BILL BATES was the ranking Republican member of the Armed Services Committee, on which I also serve. He will be long remembered for his untiring efforts and interest in the work of this committee.

A man of integrity and conviction, he served his country in war, as a lieutenant commander in the Navy, and in peace, as a Congressman, with devotion and faithfulness.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Bates and his family. It is my earnest prayer the Good Lord will have mercy on his soul and grant him eternal rest.

ADDRESS BY HON. GEORGE ANDREWS

OF ALABAMA

Mr. Speaker, this body and the Nation have suffered a great loss, with the passing of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts. In a time when we so desperately need men of strength and wisdom to insure the continued development and very survival of this Nation, BILL BATES was truly a giant—a great American in every sense.

We can fill the chair left empty by this extraordinary man, but we cannot replace him. We can fill his seat on the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, but can we replace the dedication, reason, knowledge, proficiency, and enthusiasm that BILL BATES brought to his work? Mr. Speaker, we cannot fill such great shoes.

During his 19 years in Congress, BILL BATES worked tirelessly to build this Nation's defenses, knowing well that a strong America is the greatest guarantee of world peace. Although his plans for a career in the U.S. Navy were changed when his father, also a Member of this body, was killed in a tragic airplane accident, Congressman BILL BATES continued to work for the improvement and strengthening of America's modern Navy.

The security and welfare of our Nation was of primary concern to this great patriot, and to that end he diligently gave of his time and energies. He approached these matters with dedication and without partisanship, and for that, he was respected and admired by Members on both sides of the aisle.

We in Congress shall especially miss the warmth and good humor of BILL BATES. He was my friend, and I shall greatly miss the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mrs. Andrews joins me in extending our deepest personal sympathy to his wife, Jean, and his daughter, Susan.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOSEPH P. ADDABBO

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join in this special tribute to our colleague the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, whose untimely death has caused a great loss to the people of Massachusetts and to our Nation.

Congressman BATES served his country as a legislator for the past 19 years and as the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee he commanded the respect of every Member.

Beyond his outstanding record of public service, BILL BATES was a good friend and welcome colleague.

I extend my personal sympathy to his wife and daughter and in the knowledge that his full life will be a source of consolation to his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. GEORGE A. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, all of us were deeply saddened by the passing of our good friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

BILL BATES was, like his father before him, a fine Congressman, a dedicated American and highly competent in the performance of his duties. He held responsible positions on two important committees of this House of Representatives, having been the No. 1 Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and the No. 2

ranking minority House member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

BILL BATES was unique in that his vast talents were blended with a very pleasing personality. Cooperation was his hallmark. He always reflected a good disposition in his work with his colleagues. He had a ready smile and a quick and friendly hello whenever and wherever you met him.

The congressional district BILL BATES represented in the House of Representatives was, indeed, fortunate in having him as its Congressman. He served his district diligently and faithfully. As he was a great credit to his congressional district, so too did he make a superb contribution to his country, working on legislation that had precise relationship to the security of the United States.

BILL BATES was a big man, not only physically but mentally and spiritually as well. We in this Chamber have lost a great friend, and the Nation a competent legislator. While we express our deep sorrow that he was called to his reward at an early age, we can also console ourselves that we were, indeed, privileged to have him sufficiently long to perform outstanding service.

My sincere sympathy to his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. DON H. CLAUSEN

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep feeling of personal loss that I rise to speak on the passing of my good friend and colleague, BILL BATES. I know that I speak for all of us in the House when I say that BILL will be sorely missed by all his many friends and colleagues.

It is indeed difficult to find adequate words of tribute to BILL BATES, for his life was, in itself, a tribute to those rare qualities of personal character and professional achievement to which we all aspire, but which few ever attain.

I can say without reservation that I have lost a close personal friend and colleague, and one of the greatest public servants that I have had the privilege of serving with in the House of Representatives. And,

certainly, the people of the Sixth District of Massachusetts have lost a dedicated and articulate spokesman, and an outstanding Representative.

BILL came to the Congress after an outstanding military record. He participated in the assaults on Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and the Japanese mainland, and at the time of his passing held the rank of captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and always maintained his interest in the military. He rose, over the years, to become the ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee and worked hard and long to help the services develop career patterns and incentives.

As one of the Congress' more articulate spokesmen on military affairs, he served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the NATO Parliamentarians Conference, from 1965 to 1968.

BILL also served on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and even though he was one of the prime movers of our now famous and powerful nuclear Navy, he was a primary leader in the pursuit of the peaceful uses of the atom.

BILL was elected to the Congress from his hometown of Salem following the death of his father, Representative George J. Bates. Until the time of his passing, he had served the people of his Sixth District and the State of Massachusetts for almost 20 years, and was tireless in his efforts to bolster New England's economy.

The name WILLIAM H. BATES will always mean dedication, loyalty, love of fellowman, perseverance, and statesmanship and like his beloved State of Massachusetts, his "strong heritage" will stand forever as a prime example of man's search for and service to a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

BILL BATES was, and will always remain, a very close friend. I admired him tremendously. He was a big man—mentally, physically and spiritually. In many ways, he reminded me of the much revered redwood trees from our California redwood country; straight and tall with an elegance and grandeur that only God could have created.

BILL BATES will always stand tall in this "forest of giants" here on Capitol Hill—the Congress, the Nation and the Congressman from California's First District will miss him very much. But, I am thankful for the memories this great man has left with all of us who were privileged to know and serve with him. His family, his district and his State have every right to be proud of his extraordinary service to the country he loved, lived and died for.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES H. QUILLEN

OF TENNESSEE

Mr. Speaker, I was much saddened by the death of my good friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES, a man who has been a distinguished Member of this House for 19 years and a close friend to me for 7.

BILL's cheerful encouragement and quiet intelligence was a great boost to me as a freshman Congressman, and in the years since, his stature as a man and as an American increased steadily in my eyes.

BILL BATES as a man and as a representative of the people was guided constantly by a deep-rooted love and faith in God. His sense of what was right and decent, his fairmindedness, and his unquestionable honesty earned him the respect of the people of his Sixth District of Massachusetts on a nonpartisan basis and brought him back to the Congress year after year with a vote majority that proved his standing in the hearts of his people.

BILL represented his district fairly and well, with a deep compassion for the problems of his people. But BILL also considered himself a representative of all the people of America and, in his position as the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, he worked toward a lasting world-wide peace for all citizens.

The bright personality and outlook that BILL BATES brought to the floor of this House will be sorely missed. His knowledge in so many areas and his devotion to the search for more knowledge will be missed. For countless reasons, BILL BATES will never be forgotten.

Mrs. Quillen joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to his lovely wife and daughter and to other members of his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. CARLETON J. KING

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I would like to identify myself with the fine tributes that have already been paid to our late colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

His native State has lost a distinguished son and dedicated servant. The Congress has lost one of its most effective legislators and our country has lost a distinguished leader.

It was my privilege to serve with Representative BATES on the House Armed Services Committee. As the ranking minority member of this powerful committee, I know how competent and diligent he was in his work and the contributions he made to the defense of our country and for a better military service. We all looked to BILL BATES for leadership and advice. He was imminently fair in his dealings with his colleagues. No one can take his place.

Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES will be sorely missed by the House of Representatives and by all of us who knew him. To his lovely widow and to all the members of his family, I extend my deepest sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

ADDRESS BY HON. PETER N. KYROS

OF MAINE

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I mourn the passing of my friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES, of Salem, Mass.

BILL BATES and I shared many common interests, such as in maintaining the strength of our Navy, in which we both served, and in assisting New England's shoe industry. I am proud to have been associated with him. This was a man, as Senator Edward Kennedy has stated, "in the great tradition of Congressmen who are servants not only of their districts but of the Nation as well."

We will remember BILL BATES for the ability and dedication which he brought to his work. Subsequent to his election to Congress in 1950 as successor to George J. Bates, his father, he established a reputation as informed and respected advocate for the use of nuclear energy, both for our fleet and for civilian purposes. Time has shown the wisdom of these programs, and of BILL BATES' foresight.

Above all, however, we will remember BILL BATES as a man courageous in his illness, and compassionate in his outlook. As one of his former campaign workers stated:

His success was that he simply liked people and wanted to help them.

In his lifetime, which has ended all too early, WILLIAM BATES helped many, many people; not only in Massachusetts and New England but, through his concern for national problems, across our country.

Maine's shoe workers, shipyard workers, and many other residents join me in expressing our grief upon WILLIAM BATES' death, for we shall surely miss him. We extend our deepest sympathy to his fine family in this time of sadness.

ADDRESS BY HON. FRANK M. CLARK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to find words with which to express my sorrow and shock over the passing of one of our most distinguished colleagues, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES.

In the 14 years I have been a Member of the House of Representatives it has been my privilege to enjoy the friendship of many fine and honorable ladies and gentlemen. BILL BATES was among the finest and most honorable of them all. His untimely death in the prime years of his life was a shock to all of us and a loss not only to the Sixth District of Massachusetts, which he served long and well, but to the House of Representatives and the entire Nation.

To borrow the words of our colleague, the Honorable Edward P. Boland, of Massachusetts:

If there ever was a finer human being than BILL BATES, I did not know him. Intellectually, morally, physically, socially—in every way—he, indeed, was the perfect gentleman.

We all felt this way about BILL BATES. His loss is deeply regretted and mourned by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLOTTE T. REID

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of WILLIAM H. BATES, who was one of the most beloved Members of the House of Representatives.

During the years that I served with him in the Congress, I was always impressed by his capable and effective manner of getting things done for his district and for our Nation. He was a quiet, sincere, and dedicated American. Without creating a great stir and fanfare, he accomplished much and was an example for all of us. I can recall seeking BILL BATES' expert advice and counsel on many occasions, especially in matters of national security, and it was always offered in a most gracious and helpful manner. As the No. 1 Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and the second ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, his expertise and up-to-date information were unquestioned. The loss of a man of such integrity, knowledge, and honor is deeply regretted and mourned by each of us, and we will continually miss his presence here in the House.

All of us who knew and admired BILL BATES are experiencing somewhat the same sense of tragedy. But the real loss has been suffered by the American people to whom he devoted his life and energy. America can ill afford to lose men of his caliber.

It has been a privilege to know BILL BATES, to work with him, and to have served with him in the House of Representatives. I know that everyone who has known him feels richer by reason of that experience.

To his wife, Jean, their daughter, Susan, and other members of his family, I extend my own deep and sincere sympathy in their great loss and would remind them in the words so beautifully translated from the Sanskrit by Sir Edwin Arnold:

Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be never;
Never was time when it was not; End and Beginning are dreams!
Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit for ever;
Death hath not touched it at all, dead though the house of it seems.
Nay, but as one who layeth his worn-out robes away,
And taking new ones, sayeth, "These will I wear today!"
So putteth by the spirit Lightly its robe of flesh,
And passeth to inherit a residence afresh.

ADDRESS BY HON. WAYNE N. ASPINALL

OF COLORADO

Mr. Speaker, with the final departure of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts, the United States and the State of Massachusetts have lost a most able, considerate, and effective public servant. The Federal House of Representatives, where he served so long and so ably, has lost one of its better Members.

It was my pleasure to come to Congress just before the tragic death of Congressman BATES' father and it has been my high privilege and personal pleasure to be associated with Congressman BATES since he took his father's place with us. My closest service in Congress with him was as a fellow member on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy where his services and the benefit of his knowledge and wisdom were always apparent and helpful.

As one endeavors to express his thoughts in a well-deserved eulogy of a colleague for whom he had the highest regard and most sincere affection, one finds it difficult to find the correct words for such an occasion. I know of no one with whom I have been associated during the last 20 years, for whom I would rather use the most meaningful words of appreciation in trying to evaluate the happy and professional relationship which I had with BILL, as he was affectionately known to all of us. He possessed the attributes for great and noble service and he used them effectively. He possessed the attributes for

sincere friendship and he was not miserly in the use of these attributes as he gained friends wide and far among those who wish to be so numbered. He was gentle with people and yet he was firm in his conviction. He was a splendid advocate even in opposition and yet he was always understanding of the position of others.

His love for his fellowman was always apparent and there was nothing about him that would cause anyone to consider that he was desirous of being anything more than just an understanding human being among other humans. All of these attributes combined with a graciousness which is possessed by all too few made him a favorite among his fellows.

He shall be sorely missed as we labor in the days ahead, but the world is a better place because he worked with us for a while.

We join with his legion of friends in paying our tribute and offering to the members of his family our most sincere sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. DONALD G. BROTZMAN

OF COLORADO

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow and regret that I rise in tribute to my late colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts.

I knew BILL as the respected ranking member of the Armed Services Committee and as a personal friend. In both capacities his loss is a heavy blow.

BILL's expert knowledge of military matters and his dedication to the Nation's defense made him an effective leader among his colleagues. At the same time the warmth of his personality and his willingness to stop and help any of his colleagues made BILL one of the most popular Congressmen on the Hill.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of BILL BATES will leave a void in our ranks. Mrs. Brotzman and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Bates and the members of the family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN J. ROONEY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart indeed that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts. I knew BILL BATES for all of the 19 years he served in this body and I can say without any qualification whatever that I have met few men over those years that I admired and respected more. More than that though, Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was a friend, a true friend and he was a friend to many of us here, for who could not help like such a man? A happy man, a hard working man, a man dedicated to serving the people of his district as his father, the Honorable George J. Bates, had before him. His father and I were official observers at the Bikini atom bomb test in 1946.

As the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee BILL's skillful and determined efforts to keep our country strong served all America and Americans. Mr. Speaker, we have all lost a good and true friend and we shall miss him terribly. To his charming wife and lovely daughter and his entire family I extend my deepest sympathy in their time of sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM C. CRAMER

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join the House Members in paying our respects today to our late colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts.

BILL BATES was known to us all as a dedicated and conscientious man who took boundless pride in his representation of the Sixth District of Massachusetts. Soon after I entered the House of Representatives, I learned that BILL BATES possessed outstanding leadership abilities and a warm personal charm. His dedication to his duties is

best exemplified by his superlative accomplishments as the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee. His contribution as a member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy further revealed him to be a man in pace with the times and its problems.

His colleagues on both sides of the aisle grieve at his passing for BILL BATES was truly one of the most able and respected Members of Congress. His absence is deeply felt by us all.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN S. WOLD

OF WYOMING

Mr. Speaker, this body is composed of men and women of distinction. Certainly one who has been particularly high in the esteem of his colleagues was the gentleman who served the Sixth District of the State of Massachusetts. My period of service in this body has been brief but it has been an honor to be able to serve with him.

Our late distinguished colleague took most seriously the constitutional charge that the Congress insure the national security. As senior minority member of the Armed Services Committee he was always in the forefront of the struggle to assure that America remained strong—able to protect its interests abroad and defend the Nation at home.

As second ranking minority House member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy our late colleague took second place to no one in his advocacy of developing the technology that would give the United States the leadership in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. Our country's No. 1 ranking in this field is the strongest evidence of his success.

I join my colleagues in conveying to his family the deepest sympathy and condolences.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was a dear friend and colleague and it is with a heavy heart and a sense of deep loss that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to our dear departed colleague. He had a warmth of character and friendliness that endeared him to all who knew him. Those of us who worked daily with BILL BATES loved and respected him, and he will be sorely missed by everyone ever privileged to know him. It has been my privilege to know BILL over the 19 years he served this Nation, his State, his district, and this House with dedicated integrity, wisdom, diligence, and effectiveness. He was truly an outstanding Member of this body. Mrs. Kluczynski joins me in expressing deep sympathy to his beloved wife Pearle, his daughter Susan, his mother, and his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES A. HALEY

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, WILLIAM H. BATES, whose untimely passing we lament today, was a man who, because of his qualities as both a person and a public servant, will be difficult to replace in this body. He was, in my mind, a bright star in this Chamber, in his important Armed Services Committee assignment, and among his friends.

While BILL BATES was one of the senior members of his party in the House—he served as ranking minority member of his committee—he was still young in years. Like his father before him, he compiled a distinguished record in this body and, although he first came here as his father's successor, BILL BATES, through diligence, through intelligence, through integrity and decency, and through insight into the multiple problems of our time, made his way on his own by his own efforts.

But there was more to our departed colleague than ability as a lawmaker. He had the capacity to rise above partisan politics when necessary—as it is frequently necessary in these times—and he possessed a personal warmth which earned from him the friendship of, I believe, every Member of this body, and for that matter, all with whom he came in contact.

I deeply mourn his passing, not only because the Congress can ill afford to lose so able a Member, but I will always miss his friendship.

ADDRESS BY HON. SAM STEIGER

OF ARIZONA

Mr. Speaker, it greatly saddened me to learn of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES.

His service to his State and the Nation was distinguished. The reasons for this are clearly evident by the quality and pertinency of his comments in this body. Hearings of the committees upon which he was a member further demonstrate this.

His two committees were in fields in which diligent effort is needed to master the complexities. The Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES was an acknowledged expert. As ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, it was apparent to all that he had devoted his great energy to mastering the incredible array of information in making determinations vital to this Nation's military posture. The same may be said about his work as a senior member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

As a relatively junior member of this body, I was most appreciative of and impressed by his unfailing efforts to provide guidance and assistance to a newcomer. His unfailing politeness and willingness to be of help will be sorely missed by all Members.

ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS M. PELLY

OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Speaker, the country and the Congress mourn the loss of BILL BATES. His life was one of dedication to both.

BILL came to Congress just before I did, and in these past 17 years I can say that my own life and its many experiences have been made more valuable because of his service in the Congress of the United States.

There is little that can be added to that which is being said today about the brilliant and dedicated life of BILL BATES, except that his death takes from this Congress one of its most respected Members.

Today my deepest sympathy goes to his family along with my most sincere respect for the life of devotion given his country by BILL BATES.

ADDRESS BY HON. ELFORD A. CEDERBERG

OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to our late beloved Member, BILL BATES. We have lost one of the finest Members I have had the honor to serve with. BILL BATES was a man dedicated to serving of his country both as a naval officer and in the Congress. He served with great honor. In all of the years I have known him I have never heard him say an ill word about any one. He was held in high regard by all of his colleagues. We will miss his congenial personality and his wise counsel.

I express my deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

ADDRESS BY HON. J. HERBERT BURKE

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, for almost 20 years the people of the Sixth District of Massachusetts, and the Nation, were most ably served by our friend and former colleague, the late BILL BATES, whose manner of reason and integrity earned him many friends in the Congress.

Although it was my privilege to have known BILL for only the past 2½ years, since becoming a Member of the 90th Congress, I came to know him as a man of conscience and conviction, and feel as though in some way I have benefited from having had the opportunity of working with him.

BILL BATES will be missed in the Congress by his colleagues on both sides of the political aisle and he will be remembered as a dedicated servant of the people.

ADDRESS BY HON. BOB WILSON

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, Congress lost one of its most distinguished and cheerful Members with the passing of our good friend and colleague BILL BATES.

As all of you know, Congressman BATES' seniority made him the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee. As a member of that committee, I shall miss his sage judgment as I am sure will all the other members of the committee. He was forthright in his opinions. He always knew where he stood on any given question and he was a perceptive legislator who gave his best to whatever he set his hand.

His background fitted him perfectly for this committee. He served in the Navy for more than 9 years, resigning his commission as

lieutenant commander when he was elected to the 81st Congress in a special election.

I shall miss him not only as a person who faced today's problems cheerfully and openly but as a man on whose judgment one could rely.

I am proud to join in this tribute to our late distinguished colleague. I feel that this is a great loss to the constituents whom he served so ably and to his country in this time of crisis. When so many military decisions are being made, the loss of a man with his background and understanding is indeed a heavy loss to bear. We shall miss him greatly.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM G. BRAY

OF INDIANA

Mr. Speaker, it is with a mixture of sadness and pride that I rise to speak of our longtime friend and colleague, BILL BATES. Sadness, because he is gone and has passed from amongst us; pride, because I knew him and can always say, "I was his friend."

In September 1643, Oliver Cromwell wrote in a letter to Sir William Springer:

> If you choose godly men to be Captains of Horse, honest men will follow them.

I can think of no phrase more fitting for BILL BATES: a Godly, honest man, who was a natural leader and inspired these same qualities in all who knew him.

BILL BATES had a wholesome spontaneous smile, a smile that cheered and brightened those around him.

The age of chivalry died long ago, but the spirit of chivalry never dies and on occasion manifests itself in some unusual man among men in the noblest traditions of the great Chevalier Bayard. Among us, then appears a man who, like Bayard, it may truly be said, that he was "without peer, without reproach." So was BILL BATES.

A large, strong and rugged man, he was forceful and moving, and a driving force for the good of his country. His service in the House

of Representatives of the Congress of the United States was constantly marked and guided by the uprightness and nobility of his character and the breadth and depth of his perception and intellect. He served his people honorably and well, and the legacy he leaves to his fellow Americans is that they are safer and more secure, in their liberty and in their homes, because of BILL BATES, and the service he gave.

His was a full and productive life. Although he was taken from us suddenly, and his passing leaves a space that cannot easily be filled, let us reflect that he gave to the Congress, and to his country, all that was his to give, right up to the last. No man could do more; few men do as much.

> And now these waiting dreams are satisfied;
> From twilight to the halls of dawn he went;
> His lance is broken; but he lies content
> With that high hour, in which he lived and died.
> And falling thus, he wants no recompense,
> Who found his battle in the last resort;
> Nor needs he any hearse to bear him hence,
> Who goes to join the men of Agincourt.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN W. BYRNES

OF WISCONSIN

Mr. Speaker, I share the deep feeling of sorrow and loss which fills the House on this sad occasion.

The death of our colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES, has created a void which is impossible to fill. He will be sorely missed by all—as a friend and as one of the most valuable Members of this body.

I had the privilege of knowing BILL's father, the late Hon. George J. Bates, who was also tragically taken from us. BILL, who replaced his father, brought to this Chamber the same integrity, intelligence and devotion to duty which had characterized the work of his father. He had served with distinction in the Navy. He brought to his work on the Armed Services Committee an intimate knowledge of national defense and a deep love for his country. His contributions to legislation dealing with our national security during the last two decades were tremendous.

I had the privilege of counting BILL BATES as one of my friends. I will always retain fond memories of him and his work in this body. Mrs. Byrnes joins me in expressing our sorrow and deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

ADDRESS BY HON. BILL NICHOLS

OF ALABAMA

Mr. Speaker, some few days ago it fell my sad duty, along with the distinguished leadership of both parties and the entire membership of the House Committee on Armed Services, to represent the Congress in paying respect to our late friend and esteemed colleague, the late WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts.

Since I am one of the more recent Members of this body, it was my privilege to know BILL BATES for only a short while. In the brief months that I knew BILL, however, I found him to be a man of moral conviction and a colleague who was beloved and esteemed by all Members on both sides of the aisle.

His wise counsel in matters relating to the military will be greatly missed by all of us on the House Committee on Armed Services. The place which he held in the hearts of our servicemen was quite evident in Salem, Mass., by the presence of a full company of Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Army personnel who took part in the services honoring this dedicated Congressman from the great State of Massachusetts.

Our former colleague of the House, the Honorable Dewey Short, delivered the eloquent eulogy in St. James Cathedral. In his message he stated:

> It is not how many years a man lives, but how he lives these years which counts.

The great out-pouring of friends from Salem and throughout the State of Massachusetts attested to the fact that BILL BATES spent those 52 years rendering dedicated service to the people of this Nation. It was obvious to all of us who knew him that BILL BATES' years counted.

I should like to express my deepest sympathy to the members of his immediate family in his untimely passing.

ADDRESS BY HON. HAROLD T. JOHNSON

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, the Congress, the State of Massachusetts, and the constituents he represented so ably were saddened by the death of our friend and colleague, WILLIAM HENRY BATES.

BILL, the son of the late Honorable George J. Bates, a distinguished Representative for many years, who was killed in a plane crash, learned his lessons well from his father. He represented the constituents of the Sixth District of Massachusetts in the same capable, outstanding manner as his father had before him.

He not only served his country in the House of Representatives but also as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. He was truly a dedicated servant of the people.

It was a privilege and a pleasure to have known and worked with this distinguished gentleman and he will surely be missed by all of us. His stature as a person will be long remembered by those who were privileged to know him.

Mrs. Johnson joins me in extending deepest sympathy to his wife and daughter.

ADDRESS BY HON. GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, Congress has lost an outstanding Member in the passing of WILLIAM HENRY BATES on June 22, 1969.

BILL BATES had an illustrious career of public service. His congressional service had its mark of greatness in his devoted service to our national security as a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

He loved his country.

He believed in its destiny.

He was a serious student of legislation.

He was knowledgeable in many fields.

He was dedicated and hard working.

His life serves as an example of courage and devotion. His smile and ready offer of assistance was extended to every constituent and every Member. He was so active and full of life. He was so considerate of others and always willing to shoulder more than his share of the load. Our Nation and all of us are the benefactors of the conscientious and tireless service that BILL BATES gave to our national defense as the ranking Republican member on the Armed Services Committee and to his duties as a member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Through his service and integrity our security and freedom have been immeasurably enhanced.

Without question, BILL BATES' life and his accomplishments are a living testimonial to a man whose greatness was to be seen in everything he did and everyone with whom he came in contact. He was undoubtedly one of the best liked and most respected Members to have served in Congress.

In the death of BILL BATES the Nation has suffered a great loss, but it would have been an even greater loss had not Congress known and felt the presence of this man. Today, our Nation is a better place because of his contributions. He was indeed a good man in the fullest sense.

Together with the Members of this House, I mourn BILL BATES' passing and extend to his beloved widow Jean, his daughter, his brothers, and his family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN DELLENBACK

OF OREGON

Mr. Speaker, WILLIAM BATES was a dedicated legislator who took a deep personal interest in serving the people of Massachusetts.

In addition, he was deeply concerned about the position of the United States in world affairs and he made the Nation's defense his

special area of expertise. His work on the House Armed Services Committee and on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy reflected his long standing interest in resolving some of our most critical and troublesome problems. As the ranking minority member of Armed Services he was one of the small group to whom we looked for special guidance when we were discussing some of the complex issues of military defense.

In addition, he brought to his work in this body a spirit of kindliness and friendliness which is all too rare. No matter how serious the issue or how heated the debate, BILL BATES' smile and concern for those with whom he labored in the national interest continued.

The Congress can never have enough dedicated and knowledgeable men like BILL BATES. He was greatly respected, admired and liked by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. We will miss him. The Nation will miss him.

ADDRESS BY HON. PAUL FINDLEY

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, BILL BATES was an exceptional human being. I cannot recall ever meeting a person more friendly, more even-tempered, more considerate of the feelings of others. Never once during the 9 years that I knew him as a colleague in the House of Representatives did I hear a harsh word from him or any sign of ill-temper. It was my privilege to be with him during the annual conferences of the North Atlantic Assembly in Brussels, Belgium. During the long journeys and the sessions of the Assembly I had the privilege of talking with him at great length and occasionally taking a long walk at night with him. These experiences confirmed what I have just said.

Last year Mrs. Bates was with her husband on the trip to Brussels and just before the group returned to the United States I asked Jean if BILL was always as good-humored as he appeared to be in public. She said, "He is always happy, filled with good spirits. I call him my jolly Irishman."

His death is a great loss to the Congress of the United States and to me personally. Mrs. Findley joins me in extending deepest sympathy to Jean and her daughter.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT E. JONES

OF ALABAMA

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in the tribute to the memory of our beloved colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

His passing was a special loss to me and many of my colleagues because we had the honor of serving with his distinguished father, the late Honorable George Joseph Bates, who had also achieved such a remarkable record in this House.

The Nation has been fortunate to have had the knowledgeable and skillful service of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES during the nearly 20 years he served as a Member of the House of Representatives.

He had been a member of the military service when elected to Congress and used this background to great advantage in his unusual service as a member of the Armed Services Committee.

Each of us, as well as every staff member and visitor to this side of the Capitol, will miss his cheerful and friendly greeting. He evidenced his compassion for his fellow men with his warm and open manner in speaking to everyone he met—friend and stranger alike.

I am sure each Member of this House feels deeply the loss of our dear friend from Massachusetts.

I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to his wife and daughter.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT L. F. SIKES

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join my colleagues in the House in mourning the untimely death of our distinguished colleague from Massachusetts, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES. It had been my pleasure to serve with him throughout his career in Congress which began 19 years ago, and to enjoy his friendship during that period. Even earlier, I had served with his distinguished father in Congress and on the great Committee on Armed Services, prior to his tragic death in an airplane collision over Washington National Airport. Both served with great ability from the same district in Massachusetts.

From the time of his election, BILL BATES served with distinction in Congress. He rose to be the senior minority member of the Armed Services Committee and one of the senior minority members on the Atomic Energy Committee. The security and welfare of our country could not have been in better hands. He was one of the most knowledgeable Members of the Congress on matters of national defense. He handled the demanding responsibilities of his committee assignments with the same intelligence, insight, and love of country that he fulfilled his obligations to his constituents who continued to return him to Congress with overwhelming majorities.

A deeply religious man, BILL carried into his daily life the principles of Christianity, especially the commandment to "Love one another." For BILL BATES did love his fellow man. His entire life was a model of service and untiring effort to improve the lives of those he served. Until the very end, he fought for those less fortunate. His example will remain a source of inspiration.

His loyalty, sincerity of purpose, high ideals, and personal warmth made him a devoted friend and called forth friendship in return. I know few men who commanded as much respect, admiration, and love from all he met. This fine man was rare, indeed. I shall always cherish the memory of his friendship.

My sympathy and my prayers are with Mrs. Bates and the family during this difficult time.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM D. HATHAWAY

OF MAINE

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join my colleagues in paying tribute here today to one of the truly great Members of this body, the late Representative WILLIAM H. BATES.

BILL BATES was a man of great judgment and integrity, of insight and wisdom, of compassion and, above all, of honor. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. His contributions to the America of our day and to succeeding generations are marks of his keen understanding of our turbulent times and his deep dedication to the performance of his duties.

His death leaves each and every one of us with a deep feeling of personal loss. He was a man so brimming with vitality and life that it is hard to believe he will no longer be serving with us. He has set a splendid example for each of us to follow.

ADDRESS BY HON. FRANK A. STUBBLEFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

Mr. Speaker, the passing of Representative WILLIAM BATES has deeply affected all of us who had the privilege of knowing and working with him. We have lost one of the finest men, one of the most dedicated citizens, that I have ever known.

Congressman BATES first came to the House after winning a special election to fill the vacancy left by the tragic death of his father, the distinguished member of the Massachusetts delegation, the late George Bates. To the office he brought his years of experience as a naval officer who had participated in the assault on Iwo Jima.

His early naval carreer was the basis of the invaluable contribution

he made toward the development and building of our nuclear Navy. His voice was one of the first and the most persuasive in leading our Nation toward the building of the most modern and powerful Navy in the world. He was a man who was able to look ahead, and accurately judged the implications of nuclear power for our strategic needs. He not only recognized what was needed; he provided a major part of the drive that transformed acknowledged need into accomplished reality.

For the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Sixth District which he represented, WILLIAM BATES was a loyal and devoted servant. Were no other evidence available, the overwhelming majority which returned him to Congress in each election is eloquent testimony to the respect and admiration of his constituents.

WILLIAM BATES devoted most of his life to serving his constituents, his colleagues, and his country. His contributions to our atomic naval research and development as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy were immense. He will be remembered just as much, however, for those rare and intangible qualities of generosity, courage and faith with which he inspired everyone around him.

I can scarcely find the words to express the profound sense of loss and sorrow caused by the death of such a beloved and distinguished colleague. He was never too busy to offer his help or advice when it was needed; never too worried or preoccupied with this own affairs to spare a smile or a kindly greeting. He was humble in putting forward his own opinions, but steadfast in doing what he believed was right, rather than what was convenient.

Our Nation needs many more such dedicated patriots and fine human beings as WILLIAM BATES. There was no one like him, and he will be sorely missed. My grief and sympathy are with his family in their loss.

ADDRESS BY HON. OGDEN R. REID

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I join in honoring the memory of our distinguished colleague, Congressman WILLIAM BATES, of Massachusetts.

BILL was a warm and good friend, much beloved by his colleagues in the House. He was, too, a patriot, who served his country well, far beyond active duty in the war years, and with a sense of responsibility for and pride in America's future. We shall miss his counsel and his cheerful devotion to duty.

Mrs. Reid joins in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bates and their daughter.

ADDRESS BY HON. G. WILLIAM WHITEHURST

OF VIRGINIA

Mr. Speaker, although I knew Congressman WILLIAM BATES for only a short period, the impression he left upon me reflects the same one that I have heard expressed by my colleagues of much greater seniority. I remember that within my first week here BILL sought me out to extend a warm hand of welcome. He encouraged my appointment to the Armed Services Committee, and it is he who suggested to the chairman of that committee, the Honorable L. Mendel Rivers, my appointment to the special committee investigating the seizure of the U.S.S. *Pueblo*. It was this kind of consideration and thoughtfulness which made BILL BATES such a beloved Member of this body.

Few men are given the opportunity to serve their country as BILL BATES did. His years as a naval officer combined with his career in the Congress accord him an unusual place among those who have been privileged to serve. He stands as an example to all of us.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT T. STAFFORD

OF VERMONT

Mr. Speaker, the death of one of our Members is always a sad event. From time to time this forum is particularly disheartened by the passing from our midst of a singularly distinguished gentleman, a man whose unique capabilities and wise counsel create and maintain an aura of vision and integrity within this assembly. Such is the case with WILLIAM HENRY BATES.

Recognized by his colleagues as a man who could vigorously advance his views while maintaining strong friendships with Members of different opinion, Congressman BATES established himself as a talented and perceptive leader through almost two decades of public service.

A career begun by tragedy has been ended by tragedy. When his father was killed in a plane crash in 1949 while a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, WILLIAM BATES succeeded to the role of leadership that was his father's.

Dedicating himself to the same diligent pursuit of public service that distinguished his father, Representative BATES, like his father, served his people honestly and forthrightly until the end.

Unfailingly capable, BILL BATES was never afraid to defend a program or principle even though he was assuming an unpopular role. Yet his determination to advocate principles rather than politics never led him to forget that his opponents on one issue or another were still his respected friends. Even in the midst of heated debate on important and controversial matters, he could still count among his friends members of all political and philosophical persuasions.

He was a man known by all, and especially by those who worked closely with him on committees, as a dedicated and honorable Congressman. The loss of this man leaves an empty place not only within our leadership, but within our hearts.

We all aspire to greatness measured by respected recognition and political prominence. We could never better assure ourselves of this greatness than to emulate the qualities possessed by this man.

Rarely receiving the widespread recognition which he deserved, rarely capturing national headlines, our departed colleague from Massachusetts typified the courage and brilliance of men whom Albert Camus called heroes. Willing to sacrifice fame for friendship, willing to put aside personal prestige for honest service, WILLIAM BATES will remain a symbol of quiet responsibility and unsullied trust.

We note the passage of this honorable gentleman with certain sadness, yet we also mark his departure from us with a sense of pride and honor to have known a man of such character.

Today we bid farewell to a gentleman, a leader, and most of all, to a beloved friend.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, it is a sad occasion, but an honor nonetheless, to participate in the special orders in memory of our late colleague, Congressman WILLIAM BATES, of Massachusetts.

BILL BATES came to the House of Representatives as a result of a special election following the tragic death of his father, the Honorable George Bates, in the 81st Congress; proof of his service and popularity is the fact that the Sixth District of Massachusetts has seen fit to return him to Washington in each succeeding Congress.

He had a distinguished career first in the Navy, and as a legislator rose to the position of ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee. He was also an active member of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, and a member of the U.S. delegation to the NATO Parliamentarians.

No one could have been more sincere or personable than BILL BATES, and like other men of quality and stature, his spirit will live on in the work he has accomplished, and in the lives of those whose lives he has touched. He was a most uncommon man.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM A. STEIGER

OF WISCONSIN

Mr. Speaker, having served but a short time in the Congress, I was not privileged to know BILL BATES well. His imprint, however, is clear in my memory and I join today in paying tribute to the man, Congressman BATES.

BILL BATES was ready always to respond to my questions and offer a word of encouragement to me as a freshman legislator. His ready friendliness and wonderful sense of humor served all of us well when the going was tough on the floor.

His dedicated work as the ranking minority member of the Armed Services Committee earned him an important role. He handled this role with wisdom and strength and made a great contribution to our country's military capability.

Mrs. Steiger joins me in extending our deep sympathy to Mrs. Bates and his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES H. WILSON

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, all of us are deeply saddened at the recent passing of our distinguished colleague and good friend, BILL BATES. During nearly 20 years as a respected and well-liked Member of this body, he established himself as an effective and affable Representative whose good sense and good humor were valued assets to all of us. As a fellow member of the Armed Services Committee, BILL BATES was always helpful and considerate to me in dealing with the many complex issues which came before us. His counsel will be missed.

I am sure Mr. BATES' good counsel and genuine warmth will also be missed by his many constituents in Massachusetts, as well. Having won his father's congressional seat as a young Navy lieutenant com-

mander in 1950, he served with distinction, carrying on his father's tradition. The Bates record is a proud one of respect and service for the people of Massachusetts.

To the Bates family, my wife and I extend our sincerest sympathies.

ADDRESS BY HON. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in this tribute to our late beloved friend, the Honorable WILLIAM BATES.

We were both patients at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and had the pleasure of spending much time together. We had the opportunity to talk about many things, particularly about his revered father, the Honorable George Bates—with whom I served in the Congress for many years. Like his dad, BILL was a lovable person, intelligent, and a good outstanding legislator. He was interested in people and in their welfare.

To his good wife, his mother, and other members of his family, I extend my deepest sympathy in their great loss.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES M. HANLEY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, every Member of this body was shocked and pained to learn of the death of our good friend and colleague, BILL BATES, of Massachusetts. Although many of us had known of BILL's illness for a while, his parting came nonetheless as a stunning blow. His death leaves a gap in the House of Representatives which will not easily, if ever, be filled. I considered him a good friend and a great representative of his people, and I shall miss him.

For over two decades BILL served here in the House. Yet neither seniority nor the abundance of genuine friends he acquired went to his head. He was always the same genial, hard-working figure. I

feel safe in saying that great as it was, the esteem in which BILL BATES was held here in Congress was only a small reflection of the admiration and respect which the people of his congressional district had for him.

I know I join the entire House when I extend to his family my deepest sympathy and my continued prayers.

ADDRESS BY HON. MARGARET M. HECKLER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, it seems to be true that whenever someone dies his friends remember only the best about him. This does not make what is said in grief untrue, but it does make it incomplete. How many of us have read eulogies of famous men and thought to themselves "not quite true."

It is, I think, the distinguishing mark of BILL BATES that all the best we can say of him is decidedly true. There need be nothing left out in order to pay proper respect and tribute to this great man. BILL BATES genuinely and completely earned all the words of praise the Congress of the United States can bestow.

BILL BATES was a true gentleman at a time when to find this quality is increasingly rare. The world of politics is a hard place to be both nice and effective at the same time, to be liked by everyone yet the keeper of one's own soul and conscience. Yet BILL BATES was such a man. The simple truth is, BILL BATES was first of all an outstanding human being, and because of that, an outstanding Congressman.

It goes without saying that he served his district and his Nation well. His dedicated and continuing effort to protect the fishing and shoe industries and the many who depended upon them for their employment was carried out with good will toward all, especially those who were not on the same side of the issue. His untiring interest in and concern for a modern and alert defense posture for America was pursued with diligence and skill, and, once again, good will. BILL BATES was a tolerant man who saw, heard and actually

listened to and considered both sides of a question even when he was dedicated to the pursuit of a particular goal.

The most meaningful tribute I can pay to BILL BATES is to note with deep gratitude that my experience in the Congress was deeply enriched by serving with him, and with deep sadness that he is no longer with us. My heart goes out to his wife, daughter and family who have suffered an immeasurable human loss.

ADDRESS BY HON. PAGE BELCHER

OF OKLAHOMA

Mr. Speaker, the death of our beloved colleague, BILL BATES, has been a profound shock. Though I knew he was gravely ill, not even that knowledge seems to have prepared me for the loss of this friendly, cheerful, hearty, robust young man. And I know I am not alone in this feeling. I recall how deeply I was touched on the next day upon hearing the distinguished chairman of the Armed Services Committee—on which BILL served as ranking member—say:

> We have missed him terribly this year, but we always felt that somehow, some way, he would come back to us. We never said "if BILL returns"; we always said "when BILL returns."

I believe those words expressed better than most of us could what we all have felt.

BILL BATES came to Congress nearly 20 years ago, chosen in a special election to fill the vacancy left by the tragic death of his father, the Honorable George Bates. Even though a generation my junior, BILL had been here almost a year when I was elected to the 82d Congress. We became good friends from the beginning and I have cherished that friendship.

The loss of this great and good and able man leaves a void in this Chamber and in the distinguished committee on which he served. We shall sorely miss his intellect. The chairman of the Armed Services Committee—who is, himself, recognized as an outstanding authority on defense matters—described BILL as "the most knowledgeable Member in the Congress concerning matters of national defense." No

greater nor more generous tribute could be paid his mind and learning.

We shall miss his judgment, his character, his patriotism, his deep humility, his boundless energy. And so will his State and his Nation.

But here in this Chamber, I think we shall most miss his friendship. He was so kind, so thoughtful, so eternally good humored—truly a friend among friends. It is hard to give him up. It is impossible to express in mere words what his being among us has meant or the overwhelming sense of loss at his being gone. Yet he will never really be gone from us. For nothing can alter the impact and influence of his great service upon the life of this Nation, and he has left an eternal flame that will always glow in the hearts of those who knew him and loved him.

Mrs. Belcher and I extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Jean, and his entire family. May the blessings of God's peace and love surround them in this time of sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES R. JONAS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. Speaker, while we all knew that he was seriously ill, the news that BILL BATES had passed away came as a shock to all who knew him. Just a few months ago BILL was the picture of health: strong, robust, virile, and always cheerful. Now he is gone and his passing leaves a void here that not even time will fill.

I could talk at length on the life and accomplishments of this man whose untimely death has cast a pall over this Chamber. But that would be repetitious because I have been here a long time now and do not remember ever having heard so many sincere and genuine tributes to the life and character of any man than those spoken about BILL BATES on June 23, 1969, and again today.

Let me just say that in his passing the district in Massachusetts which he so ably represented here has lost an able and dedicated servant, the country has lost a genuine patriot, his family has lost a devoted husband and father, and I have lost a true friend.

None of us can afford such losses but we all accept them because they are a part of God's plan. And all of us who loved BILL BATES can, I think, derive some consolation from the knowledge that he is now at peace.

ADDRESS BY HON. BURT L. TALCOTT

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully join my colleagues in paying a very special tribute to the late gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. BATES). This House, the Committee on Armed Services, the minority, each individual Member has cause to grieve his death. He was an especially able and valuable Member of the House. He was conscientious. He was affable. He died much too early. All of us will miss him as a friend and as a colleague.

We can, however, remind ourselves that we were all especially privileged to know and work with him. All of our memories will be fond ones. This in itself is a splendid tribute—and a near unique achievement by any man.

BILL was an uncommon man who performed uncommon services for his district and our Nation. Few Members will ever match his contributions to this House and the Committee on Armed Services.

He was able to develop an enviable record of sustained selfless service to his district and our Nation's national security—and yet maintain an independence and integrity which was known and respected by all of us. With all of this, he was a loyal and constructive member of the Republican conference. One of my special privileges was to serve with him in the minority whip organization, where he was effective and respected.

Mrs. Talcott and I express our condolences to Mrs. Bates and their family.

ADDRESS BY HON. G. ELLIOTT HAGAN

OF GEORGIA

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in a special tribute to the memory of a dedicated public servant—Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES.

BILL's passing has left a void which cannot be filled, but his life has given us insight into the true meaning of devotion and love of country.

For the past 19 years, BILL BATES represented the people of Salem, Mass., and as the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, he served all the people of the United States.

It was my privilege to serve with BILL in the House and on the Armed Services Committee. His devotion to his work will always serve as an inspiration to those of us who knew him.

My wife, Frances, joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to his wonderful family. May they be comforted by the lasting memories of this kind and beloved man.

ADDRESS BY HON. MARIO BIAGGI

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in expressing my profound sorrow and sense of loss at the death of the distinguished and beloved Representative of the Sixth District of Massachusetts, Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES. His tragic passing has been a great shock to this House.

As his colleagues, most of us have memories of the many occasions when his personal warmth, wisdom based on experience, sympathy, and courage were freely offered in moments of need. He inspired the respect and admiration of all of us, regardless of our political

affiliations, because of his dedication to the highest ideals of public service.

In addition to his 19 years as a Member of Congress, he also had an outstanding career as a naval officer which included participation in the assault on Iwo Jima during World War II. His years of experience in the Navy reinforced Representative BATES' farsighted advocacy of nuclear-powered ships. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy he was an expert on the strategic needs and priorities of our modern nuclear-powered forces, an incredibly complex field. His technical expertise and grasp of strategic alternatives made an invaluable contribution to the modern development of our Nation's defenses.

The death of Representative BATES is particularly poignant for the many Members who knew his father, the distinguished Congressman George J. Bates, of Massachusetts. WILLIAM BATES was elected to fill the vacancy left by his father's tragic death in an airplane crash. He served, as his father had, with loyalty, courage, honor, and dedication.

I believe that, although Representative BATES has now been lost to us, his example—the courage and spirit of public service which he inspired—will always remain with those of us who were privileged to know him. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family in this time of sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. GARRY BROWN

OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of my colleague from Massachusetts, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES.

As a junior Member of the House, I did not have a long acquaintance with BILL, but even before I gained membership in this body, I recognized him as a strong champion of the nuclear Navy. Even more than that, I remember him as the man who fought to maintain "civilian" control over the combatant functions of the Armed Forces; a man who feared that lack of congressional supervision over the

Pentagon would cause the executive branch of Government to assume a disproportionate role in determining the flexibility or rigidity of our military policies. As a strong advocate of maintenance by the legislative branch of its historic responsibilities over the design and capability of our major instruments of military policy, BILL BATES gained my respect and my support.

To his family and many friends, my deepest sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS G. ABERNETHY

OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Speaker, I personally knew our departed friend, BILL BATES, from the day he came to this body. It was my privilege to serve here with his father, a great and good man, whose departure like that of his son, was shocking and most untimely.

To have had the friendship of BILL BATES and his father added much to my life. And such also added to the pleasures of my service in the House of Representatives.

BILL's passing left a tremendous void in our midst in both quantity and quality. He was a man of large and attractive proportions, both physically and mentally. Tall, erect, broad shouldered, and strong, BILL was a courteous and personable man of the highest character who attracted attention wherever he went. He was a man of cheer; his wonderful smile was always present. He always had a good word, and it was earnest and sincere. Wherever BILL was, he towered over the crowd, and he added pleasure and joy to the occasion.

As a representative of the people, he was numbered among the best. He served his district with earnestness and great dedication. The benefits from his service went far beyond his district to the good of his great State and country.

Whenever BILL BATES arose to speak in this body, silence prevailed and he always gained the rapt attention of the Members. He spoke with tenderness and ease but with strong conviction and impressively. He always knew his subject. He knew what he wanted to say and said it convincingly.

Over the years we have known many able and highly respected Members who have served on the great Committee on Armed Services. Their responsibility has been so heavy, more particularly during the years of conflict in which our country has been engaged. In considering the grave problems vested in the Armed Services Committee, BILL BATES was one who did his job well. He rendered courageous and patriotic service in our great Navy during World War II; and he matched that service as a highly valuable member of the Armed Services Committee.

The friends of BILL BATES in this House were not limited to his side of the aisle. Nor has there been such a limit to those who appreciated and respected him. While dedicated to the principles of his political party, he was nonpartisan in his service and association. For him there was no aisle. His friends and those who loved him in this body overflowed the middle aisle, wall to wall.

I am happy to say, Mr. Speaker, that BILL BATES was my friend. I was honored and fortunate to be numbered among his.

The life of BILL BATES was much too short; but, indeed, it was great. It will not be necessary for those who appreciated him to erect a monument to his memory, a monument that he so justly deserves. With his great and clean life as an obedient son, as a young man, as a student, an athlete, a public servant, a friend of mankind, as a husband, a father, and as one who feared and dedicated his life to a living God, he erected his own monument. The memory of his life and good of his service will survive the crumbling of a monument of stone.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of WILLIAM HENRY BATES, whom we fondly knew as BILL, leaves us grief stricken and sad. We share his loss with his good wife and daughter. They have our sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. RICHARD H. ICHORD

OF MISSOURI

Mr. Speaker, I join in this ceremory today to honor not merely an able colleague, but also a real friend whose demise brought immeasurable sadness to this body and to me personally. It is fitting

that we pause and pay tribute to the service and memory of our late colleague, WILLIAM HENRY BATES. His passing is indeed a real loss felt by not only the House of Representatives, but the entire Nation as well.

In his long tenure in the House of Representatives he has become an institution in himself as a most valuable member of the Armed Services Committee. For 19 years, he devoted himself incessantly to matters of national defense. Seldom does one have the chance to be associated with a truly great legislative leader as WILLIAM HENRY BATES, and I shall always be grateful that I was afforded such an opportunity the last 7 years serving with him on the Armed Services Committee.

BILL BATES' record, unexcelled in accomplishments, in dedication to duty, in service to his country, as an effectual fighter for principles of good government, will be a lasting and constant imprint on the minds of us who will be challenged with the task of "carrying on" in the U.S. Congress. But we are fortunate that he left a legacy of noteworthy aspirations and hallmark goals as a paragon for our use.

Our departed friend was a warm and gracious gentleman—and to all who knew him, a very distinguished American. Truly, the best monuments to his memory remain in the indelible stamp of his career in Congress on the present and future affairs of National Government.

The passing of BILL BATES, to me, is a poignant personal loss for I enjoyed his friendship from the first time I knew him. Few men can equal his ability as a legislator and his strength as a real statesman and political leader. BILL BATES was a successful man—and a hard worker possessing an abundant degree of basic essentials for quality leadership, knowledge and courage.

All will agree that BILL BATES served his fellow man and his country to the very ultimate of his ability—giving all he had to give to any task or personal goal. I admired his sincerity and his loyalty to the beliefs he held dear. I saw at close range the quality of this man and was impressed. His life characterized the "best of the best," and I am better off for having known him.

No man loved his country more than did BILL BATES, and the Nation owes him a debt it can never repay for his contributions to our Military Establishment. His name is deeply etched in the

defense services of America, and his presence in the deliberations of the House Armed Services Committee will be sadly missed.

Words are not adequate to express the emotions and sentiments that I feel at this moment, but I extend to his beloved and bereaved wife, Jean, a native of my congressional district, and other members of the family my deepest sympathy in their great sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned of the untimely death of my colleague and friend, BILL BATES, the young and vigorous gentleman from Massachusetts.

From the beginning of his 19 years of dedicated service to his State and country, he served with a sense of mission inherited from his father whose unexpired term he was elected to fulfill. BILL BATES exemplified the kind of love and service to our country and devotion to duty which should inspire us all.

In the 17 years I served with Mr. BATES, I came to respect and admire his service as senior minority member of the Armed Services Committee. As a member of the North Atlantic Assembly, formerly known as the NATO Parliamentarians, he received high praise for his energetic efforts.

To his wife, Jean, mother, Nora, and daughter, Susan, my wife joins me in extending our most heartfelt sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. SPARK M. MATSUNAGA

OF HAWAII

Mr. Speaker, we are saddened by the passing of our dear friend and distinguished colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM HENRY BATES. I rise to join his many friend in paying tribute to his memory.

Bill Bates was born in Massachusetts, with which State Hawaii has had ties of long standing. He followed in the footsteps of his father in becoming a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. That was 19 years ago. Throughout his long career, Congressman Bates was one of our most esteemed and one of the most dedicated Members of this body. He worked tirelessly to strengthen our nuclear Navy and to develop peaceful uses of atomic energy. His accomplishments in these fields will long be remembered as being particularly outstanding in a distinguished congressional career.

The people of Hawaii will also remember him as one who supported Hawaii's aspirations for statehood 10 years ago. In the passing of this son of New England, Hawaii has lost a true friend.

To the members of Congressman Bates' family, I extend my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences. It is my sincere hope that they will find some measure of comfort in the knowledge that his life was devoted to the service of his fellow men, whose lives and future have been bettered because Bill Bates lived among them, even though it was for too brief a period.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM M. COLMER

OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Speaker, even though there are few who have paid their respects to our departed colleague and my warm personal friend, Bill Bates, who in my judgment had a greater affection for him than do I, I feel inadequate to compete with them in putting into words that affection.

Certainly no man with whom I have had the privilege of serving in this body during my many years of service was more beloved than was Bill Bates. I feel that I was blessed with the privilege of enjoying his confidence and I can truthfully say that I have never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. His was a genial disposition. He had a kind word for everyone. It was a distinct pleasure always just to be in his presence, and, while he possessed many virtues, I feel that his gentleness and his generosity in dealing with his fellow man was possibly his greatest virtue.

Mr. Speaker, it is most difficult for one to comprehend the uncertainties of life and divine disposition of God's creatures. BILL BATES was an outstanding athlete. He was possessed of almost a perfect physique and a comparatively young man. Although we find it difficult to understand why such an able, lovable, young man should be stricken down and taken from his loved ones and many friends on such short notice, we must realize, if not comprehend, that such is life. I do not think it is trite to say here that his congressional district, his State, and this Republic, which he loved and tried so hard to preserve, has lost a valuable servant.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues and his innumerable friends in extending to Mrs. Bates and his loved ones my deepest sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. JACKSON E. BETTS

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to believe that BILL BATES is gone. Everything I say about him can be said by every Member of the House. He was a loyal friend. He was a dedicated American and a true patriot. He was respected and admired by all of us. He was held in affection by every one of his colleagues.

His years of service on the Armed Services Committee made him a respected authority on the subject of defense and fitted him admirably for the post of ranking minority member of that important body. His leadership and the decisions he made in this position have, I am sure, left a profound effect on the defense posture of the country and, I am sure, all for the best.

BILL BATES had a charming personality and a friendly smile that made him one of the most popular Members of the House. Probably no one had more friends than he and since his passing, the tributes to him can be heard wherever House Members meet.

His death is a distinct loss to his country and his friends. I join my colleagues and his host of friends in extending my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bates and his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, the passing of our most esteemed colleague, BILL BATES, was a sad and premature event.

He was an outstanding Member of Congress and a particularly effective member of the House Armed Services Committee. As a member of that committee, I came to know BILL and to admire his great knowledge of the complicated matters that are the province of that body. He had the enviable ability to get to the heart of the matter and to penetrate the obfuscation that sometimes attends presentations before the committee. Officials tempted to sell a program with a maze of statistics and complicated data found BILL BATES the wrong man for such tactics.

He was highly regarded by committee members of both parties for his astuteness as a military expert and also by the representatives of the various defense agencies.

His constituency clearly had great respect and affection for him. This was evidenced by the large turnout for the funeral in Salem, Mass., and the obvious signs of grief and mourning which I noted that day.

BILL was a warm and friendly person and I was privileged to consider him a friend as well as a colleague. He was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word and a man devoted to his country. His death leaves a gap in the House of Representatives and marks the end of a period of long service to the Nation by BILL and his late father before him.

My wife, Barbara, and I extend to BILL's family our deepest sympathy.

May he rest in peace.

ADDRESS BY HON. EDWARD J. DERWINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of our friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts.

His long record of service to his congressional district, his State, and his Nation was marked by integrity, effectiveness, and dedication to sound principles of government. He served his country well during his career in the U.S. Navy and continued to serve it well as a Member of Congress.

Mrs. Derwinski joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Bates and her daughter.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN W. WYDLER

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, during my years in Congress I got to know and respect BILL BATES. We had something in common in that we were both graduates of Brown University, and we shared many happy moments discussing the past, present, and future of Brown.

He will be missed in Congress because of his intelligence and decency. I personally am glad I had the opportunity to meet and know him.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOE D. WAGGONNER, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

Mr. Speaker, I am indeed saddened by the death of Representative WILLIAM H. BATES, a great and good man, and an outstanding Member of Congress. He was a man of high principles, with a sense of humor that never failed to provide a spiritual lift to all who came in contact with him. He was loyal and courageous, and dedicated to public service. Words are inadequate to state the value of his service to our Nation, but let it be said here and now that he performed a service worthy to be remembered.

I consider it my privilege to have served in the House with this great man. It is my hope and my prayer that God may be comforting and kind and may bring strength to his survivors, and that his memory may continue among his colleagues and throughout the world.

ADDRESS BY HON. DON FUQUA

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, the passing of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts, removed from our ranks one of the most dedicated Members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

As the ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, he was an effective voice for the defense of this Nation. I was immediately impressed upon first coming to the Congress with his grasp of the intricate details associated with a strong national defense.

First elected to the House in February 1950, he had a long and distinguished career of service. Certainly, it is the mark of a man that his constituents saw fit to elect him 11 times to the Congress.

It would be well to say that it is not for his length of service, however, that we honor him, but rather for how well he served. For indeed if there is one mark or one tribute that we could pay to him, it would be to say that he was faithful in the discharge of his duties and that the Congress and the Nation will be poorer because of his loss, but richer because he served.

ADDRESS BY HON. PETER H. B. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Speaker, it is with real sadness that we mark today the passing of a good man and an able legislator, BILL BATES, of Massachusetts.

I doubt if there was any man in this body as genuinely popular as BILL BATES. He had a knack for making friends, and our loss is a real one.

BILL BATES was not only a popular man, he was an able one. Those who have known him over the years know of his devotion to his job. When he spoke on an issue, he was listened to. He was a man of good judgment and experience; he was receptive to the problems of others and quick to come up with realistic solutions to them.

The death of BILL BATES deprives us of a man of good humor, breadth of vision, and ability. He exemplified, as nearly as a single individual can, those qualities that make up an ideal legislator. Those of us who knew him have lost a good friend.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN A. BLATNIK

OF MINNESOTA

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to the late Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, a distinguished Congressman and a great American. His wisdom and guidance will be sorely missed in the House of Representatives for many years to come.

For 19 years he served his district, his State, and the Nation with unselfish dedication. He has served with distinction on the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

For 9 years before his election to Congress, BILL BATES served this Nation in the U.S. Navy, participating in assaults on Iwo Jima and the Japanese mainland. He was promoted to lieutenant commander.

His untimely passing has placed a burden on the Congress and the Nation, for a man of Congressman BATES' caliber is irreplaceable. Future generations of Americans will greatly benefit from his national contributions.

I extend my sympathy to his fine family, and express my sincere gratitude for having known WILLIAM H. BATES.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN BUCHANAN

OF ALABAMA

Mr. Speaker, our country and the Congress share the loss of his family in the passing of WILLIAM HENRY BATES. This House had no more able or dedicated Member, nor one more beloved by his colleagues. He was a man of unimpeachable integrity and high ability. His unfailing good humor and human warmth made him a joy to all who had the privilege of being associated with him. He had such boundless energy, was so filled with the joy of living, and possessed such a generous amount of honest goodness that what would be a tragic illness in any life seemed doubly so in his.

It is my firm conviction that heaven was made richer as the earth was made poorer by his passing. We have reason to be grateful for his life. He shall be sorely missed.

ADDRESS BY HON. HAROLD D. DONOHUE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged, indeed, to join with my colleagues here today in this special tribute to the late Hon. WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

Just a few short days ago every Member of this House, regardless of political affiliation, and many thousands of people throughout this country and our great Commonwealth of Massachusetts were deeply saddened to learn that our dear friend and colleague had passed away.

Mr. Speaker, the past 19 years have constituted the most challenging legislative period in our history. Throughout this time Congressman BATES served this Nation, this House, his State, and his district with dedicated integrity, wisdom, diligence, and effectiveness. His unsurpassed industry and zeal in the discharge of his committee assignments, legislative responsibilities, and personal concern for the solution of constituents' problems is a byword in this House and our Commonwealth. The legend of this great and good man's generous spirit will forever brighten the annals and the atmosphere of this Chamber.

Affectionately known as BILL to almost everyone, he was a man entirely without pretension. Above and beyond all other things, he was beloved by all of us because of his humble attitude, his compassionate understanding, his patient tolerance, his optimistic disposition, his quiet humor, his genuine friendship, and his ever-kindly heart.

Mr. Speaker, during his service here BILL BATES accomplished many outstanding legislative achievements to benefit this country and his people at home.

However, his greatest contribution to his fellow men was the personal example he provided for all of us here, and for those who will come after, of honor and wholesomeness in patriotic service. BILL BATES will be sorely missed by everyone ever privileged to know

him but he has left here a permanent inspiration for which this Congress and this Nation will remain forever grateful.

At this time of great sorrow, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his gracious wife, Jean, his wonderful daughter, Susan, his mother, and his brothers and sisters, while we join in our prayers that the great soul of our beloved, departed friend will rest in eternal peace.

ADDRESS BY HON. DANTE B. FASCELL

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, the loss of WILLIAM H. BATES, our late distinguished colleague from Massachusetts, is a great one—both for the Congress and for the Nation he so admirably served.

For 20 years in the Congress of the United States, BILL BATES worked with great industry and devotion for the principles of freedom and security through a strong national defense. America is indebted to him for that devotion. His talents for action and solid accomplishment will be sorely missed in this Chamber.

From a personal viewpoint, Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret the loss of a colleague whose warmly affable nature and graceful humor lightened and uplifted these Halls. In a time of national questioning of values, BILL BATES represented a moral authority and ethical conviction unsurpassed in our National Government.

I am, indeed, very sorry to see him prematurely depart from our midst, and I would take this occasion to express my sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of loss that I join today in mourning the untimely passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM BATES.

I was privileged to know BILL as a friend, and as a man of outstanding ability, and a high sense of purpose. It was these qualities that stamped his service in the House, and endeared him to his constituency.

Though there is little that one can say to ease his family's sorrow, I know that BILL's wife and daughter can take consolation in the sure knowledge that his compassion and dedicated service touched all who knew him, and made all our lives more meaningful.

ADDRESS BY HON. AL ULLMAN

OF OREGON

Mr. Speaker, I join on this day of special memory in a word of tribute to our former colleague, the late Congressman WILLIAM BATES of Massachusetts. BILL BATES resigned from a promising career in the U.S. Navy at the age of 33 to begin his distinguished service in the House, following in his father's footsteps. Through more than nine terms, he earned the reputation as a leading expert in the House on defense affairs, rising to the ranking minority position on the House Armed Services Committee. His efforts on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy were instrumental in establishing this Nation's policy and direction along a largely uncharted course. Above all, he was a warm and personal friend. His untimely death diminishes the House. BILL BATES will be missed by all.

ADDRESS BY HON. THADDEUS J. DULSKI

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, our Nation, and in particular the Sixth District of Massachusetts, has lost a fine public servant and a dedicated citizen, in the passing of our colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES.

Serving in his eleventh term in the House, BILL BATES had risen to the ranking minority position on the Committee on Armed Serv-

ices and he was the second ranking minority member on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

A veteran of naval service, he was a tower of strength in his devotion to duty in the deliberations of the Armed Services Committee. He gained high respect from his colleagues for the thorough manner in which he pursued the always-demanding responsibilities of legislation dealing with our armed services.

He also took intense interest in the related area of atomic energy, with his membership on the joint committee. Through his combination of committee memberships, he had gained excellent background, understanding, and judgment in these vital matters of national defense which will be sorely missed by his colleagues.

BILL came to the House in 1950, succeeding his father, the late Honorable George J. Bates, who was serving his seventh term in the House when he met a tragic death in an airplane accident at Washington National Airport in 1949.

The passing of BILL BATES came as a great shock to all of his many friends on Capitol Hill and elsewhere. A robust man until only a few weeks ago, he was highly respected in every regard. Then came the illness from cancer which led to his untimely death.

My sympathy goes out to his lovely wife and daughter in their bereavement. They have lost a devoted husband and father. We have lost a great friend and colleague. Our Nation has lost one of its finest citizens.

ADDRESS BY HON. DEL CLAWSON

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, unusual and rare qualities of character were concentrated in our friend and colleague, BILL BATES. All of us were privileged to enjoy his friendly and helpful cooperation when matters involving his committee required our individual attention. While deeply serious in political conviction, BILL thoroughly enjoyed the lighter side of politics and his quick and ready wit frequently entertained and amused others. The depth of his interest in others was demonstrated not only in his relationships with Members of Congress

but the employees of the House and Capitol also shared his love and affection. During his illness it was my privilege to personally witness his warmth and wit when Ernest S. Petinaud, maitre d' of the Members dining room, permitted me to read a personal letter from his friend BILL BATES who was then in the hospital expected to recover from the dread disease that was to take his life. The relationship was known only to the two of them, which again was a unique ability of BILL's—to make each one of us feel that our friendship with him was something extra special.

Mr. Speaker, I include the above-mentioned letter in my remarks, with the express permission of our good friend Ernest:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., April 30, 1969.

Mr. ERNEST S. PETINAUD,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CLIENT: I really appreciate your thoughtful card and note which recalls to my mind our close and fond association for many years. I had feared that during my illness you might have turned me over for a new manager but I can assure you that my prolonged convalescence has given me a good deal of time for contemplation and you would be amazed at the ideas I have concerning our future. In terms of bonanza, the signature on the menu exploitation will seem infinitesimal. I shall discuss these matters with you as soon as time permits. In the meantime, all my services will be for free.

I want to thank you for taking good care of Dr. Dean when he visited the Capitol with Bill Hogan from my office.

Trusting that it will not be too long before I return, I am

Sincerely yours,

BILL BATES.

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to members of the Bates family with the fervent prayer that God will continue to sustain them in this hour of trial and sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. PAUL G. ROGERS

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in expressing my sincere sorrow at the passing of a personal friend, BILL BATES.

Both BILL and his father served with my father in the House of

Representatives. In all, BILL served his country for more than 9 years in the Navy and 19 years as a Member of the House.

But it was not this tenure which marked him as a leader and loyal American. It was his service and dedication. He served on the Armed Services Committee with distinction.

BILL BATES served always as a statesman and not a politician. The best interests of the Nation were the most important thing to consider for BILL BATES.

We will miss him in this Chamber and I know the people of the Sixth District of Massachusetts will miss his leadership.

My wife and I both offer our sympathy in this hour to his wife Pearle and his daughter Susan.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN S. MONAGAN

OF CONNECTICUT

Mr. Speaker, I am honored with the other Members of Congress to set aside this time to pay tribute to a friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM HENRY BATES, of Massachusetts. I join my colleagues of both parties in mourning the tragic and untimely loss of one of our most distinguished and dedicated Representatives of the people of our country.

BILL BATES had represented the interests of the Sixth Congressional District in Massachusetts for 19 years. The ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, BILL was also the second ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. He served as well as a member of the U.S. delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly.

BILL attended the Saint James Parochial School and the Worcester Academy before matriculating at Brown University, where he was an outstanding athlete. He later was awarded a degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

BILL BATES had been a dedicated naval officer for 10 years, when tragedy claimed the life of his distinguished father, the Honorable George J. Bates. BILL won a special election in February 1950, and

succeeded his father in the House of Representatives. He had been reelected to the Congress each term since.

BILL BATES was perhaps the most knowledgeable Member of the House in areas concerning the national defense. A stanch advocate of a strong America, BILL was a powerful supporter of a modernized nuclear Navy. Yet he wanted only to create and preserve, not to destroy. He worked to solidify and preserve our country's security and strength only so that we could more effectively work for peace. His military competence and expertise placed him in a position of great importance to our national welfare, even at his early age.

He was a nonpartisan statesman, whose actions and achievements were dedicated to the public interest. He was an ideal legislator: the people and their needs came first for him. Deeply religious, BILL BATES fulfilled the Christian principles he lived by. He was a faithful and devoted servant of his God, his Nation, and his people. We all shall miss him greatly.

In the words of Angelo Patri:

> In one sense, there is no death. The life of a soul on earth lasts beyond his departure. You will always feel that life touching yours, that voice speaking to you, that spirit looking out of other eyes, talking to you in the familiar things he touched, worked with, loved as familiar friends, he lives on in your life and in the lives of all others that knew him.

I extend my deepest sympathies and my most sincere condolences to his family and to his many friends—especially to his wife, Pearle, his daughter, Susan, his mother, Nora, and to his three sisters and brothers.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM E. MINSHALL

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult for us to accept the fact that our friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES, will not again appear in this Chamber. As the chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services said recently, although we knew of the gravity of BILL's illness all of us thought in terms of when, not if, he would return.

Seldom has the passing of a Member been so deeply and sincerely mourned by all of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Bill Bates' worth never was measured by narrow or partisan standards because his tireless contributions to this House and to the Nation never were narrow or partisan. He was a big man: big of stature, of intellect, of heart, of spirit. Goodness, honor, and intelligence shone on his face like a badge of the inner man.

We grieve that his life has ended at its noontime. We grieve for the loss of the many additional years he should have been with us. And our heartfelt sympathy goes to Mrs. Bates and their daughter Susan.

In the words of John Donne:

> Death be not proud, though some have called thee
> Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so
> For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow . . .
> One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
> And death shall be no more; Death, thou shall die.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM H. AYRES

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my many, many colleagues in honoring the memory of William H. Bates, an exceptionally able Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

As his service in this body paralleled my own, I had the good fortune of closely following all of his activities. Early in our association, I discovered that here was a man upon whose advice I could depend.

Long before he assumed his great responsibility as the ranking Republican on the important House Armed Services Committee, I searched him out for his views on matters that affected our national defense problems.

His long service in the U.S. Navy had well prepared him for his work on this committee. His record in that service was indeed outstanding. He rose from the position of apprentice seaman to that of lieutenant commander, a position he still held when elected to succeed his distinguished father, Congressman George J. Bates.

Equally distinguished was his work in the Congress. The legislation that he contributed served well his Nation.

WILLIAM BATES was cast in the same mold as our patriots of old. He devoted all of his tremendous energies and capabilities to the service of his Nation.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost one of our finest leaders. We shall long mourn him.

ADDRESS BY HON. WM. JENNINGS BRYAN DORN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. Speaker, the death of our friend and colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES, is a great loss to the Congress. He will be missed by all of us who were fortunate to know and serve with him in the House of Representatives.

BILL BATES loved his country. He served with distinction in the U.S. Navy for more than 9 years, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. Following his service, he was elected to the 81st Congress and reelected to each succeeding Congress. He became an active member of the Armed Services Committee where he served as minority leader. He believed in a strong national defense.

BILL BATES believed in the principles and ideals that made our Nation great. He believed in the free enterprise system. He was an active member of our informal House Textile Committee seeking always to help this great industry and its employees who contribute so much to the national defense and security of our Nation.

BILL BATES' service here in this House was fearless, forthright, and courageous. He was dedicated and devoted to the people he served. He always exhibited judgment and integrity in carrying out the duties and obligations of his office. We shall miss our dear friend.

Mrs. Dorn joins me in my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Bates and the family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES J. DELANEY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of sorrow that I rise today to honor the memory of one of our most beloved colleagues, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, whose untimely death profoundly grieves all of us who were privileged to know him.

Some of my most pleasant and enduring memories have come from the many years BILL BATES and I were neighbors in the old Cannon House Office Building. His warm and engaging personality was delightfully accented with a gentle and lively wit, and his entire being radiated friendliness and joviality. He was unfailingly a dependable friend, always cooperative, and a sincere and devout Christian gentleman. BILL had a deep and abiding love for his fellow man, and took great joy in serving his constituents with intense dedication and devotion. I know of no one who was better liked.

Nearly 20 years ago, BILL gave up a promising naval career to succeed to the seat previously held by his late father, George, who was tragically killed in an aircraft accident here in Washington. Immediately upon assuming his seat, the young gentleman from Massachusetts' Sixth Congressional District applied himself diligently and industriously to his legislative endeavors, and rose to become the ranking minority member of the great Committee on Armed Services. His special competence in military affairs was widely acknowledged, and he was conceded to be one of the best informed authorities on military matters. BILL was also an outstanding member of the important and sensitive Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, as well as a highly valued member of the U.S. delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly. He was a skilled legislator who worked unceasingly for the security and welfare of his country. He was an inspiration to his colleagues.

The Nation, his State, and his district have lost a devoted patriot and servant. His friends and his loved ones have lost one of the most precious jewels fashioned by the hand of God. What an addition he is to heaven.

Mrs. Delaney joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to his wife and daughter and other members of his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. BEN REIFEL

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. Speaker, it is not often that one meets another of such warm personality and with a sense of a sincere desire to be of help in any way he can. For me BILL BATES was such a person. He learned of my personal concern for the Indian. He was aware of their impoverishment. BILL would assure me, from time to time over the 8 years that I have served here in the Congress, that at any time that he could be helpful in our efforts to improve the lot of this disadvantaged segment of our population he could be depended upon to help.

BILL was interested in helping in personal ways. Only a few days before I heard of the illness that befell him, I mentioned my plan to try to play golf. He without hesitation said, "Get a couple of clubs and if we can break away for a few minutes we'll go down to the gym and I'll show you how to hold the club and how to swing it. These are important to a beginner." He looked good. I had no idea he was soon to be confined to the hospital. The news of his illness and then his death were both hard for me to believe.

The Lord deprived me of my instruction from BILL BATES in how to hold a golf club. However, I should like to think that his outstanding example as a fine, dedicated Christian, an able legislator, and a patient, considerate friend with the highest type of honesty and integrity may not be entirely lost upon me with his departure.

I join my colleagues in extending my deepest sympathy to his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. HOWARD W. ROBISON

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, this body is always diminished by the death of any of its Members—especially one as effective, as respected and as greatly beloved as was BILL BATES.

For me, one of the more beautiful and meaningful passages ever written on the subject of our common involvement in mankind—and the inevitability of the day on which that earthy involvement must end—was penned years ago by the English poet and divine, John Donne. These are his words, familiar to all of us:

> No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, in the passing of our friend and colleague, BILL BATES, this body—and I would venture to say mankind, as well—has been greatly diminished; and the bell that now tolls in our hearts and minds for our departed friend tolls, most poignantly, for each and every one of us.

If this seems peculiarly so in this sad instance, that fact has more behind it than the relative youthfulness of our friend and the shockingly swift nature of the illness that took him from our midst. For we have experienced losses of that nature before—and will again. But, as the waters of a pond subside back into stillness after a pebble has been dropped into them, life resumes and things move inevitably onward, and the surprisingly short period of time within which the absence of a respected and honored colleague is no longer remarked upon is good evidence—for all of us—that none of us is indispensable, no matter how tempting the thought.

But, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe we will soon forget BILL BATES—nor fail to miss his always encouraging and helpful presence. For BILL was one of those rare persons whose personalities are literally

such as to brighten any room and lighten any mood—whose sunny smile and cheerful words in passing can make everyone's day just a little bit better, no matter how badly it may have started.

This is how it was with BILL BATES, who gave so generously of himself—and of his strengths and talents—to those who needed them: His constituents, his colleagues and friends, his family and, of course, his Nation. And it is because of the kind of man he was that this House so genuinely mourns his passing—and each and every one of us feels so greatly diminished thereby.

Mrs. Robison joins me in expressing our sincere regrets to BILL's widow and daughter, as to his other loved ones.

ADDRESS BY HON. J. IRVING WHALLEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, there is an emptiness here in the Capitol caused by the passing of our good friend and colleague, the late Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES. It is inadequate to say merely that we miss him. His absence is deeply felt by each of us.

BILL BATES, one of the most respected Members of Congress, deserved the full measure of our admiration. It is especially tragic to those of us who knew BILL well, that someone so full of life has fallen so young, so full of promise, and with so much to offer his district and his Nation.

He gave freely of himself—as a U.S. Representative and as a friend. It is sadly ironic that both he and his esteemed father, the late Representative George J. Bates, died tragically in the midst of careers dedicated to the service of their constituents and all people of this Nation.

It would be difficult to give BILL BATES all the praise and admiration that is due him. He was an honest man and a diligent legislator, probably one of the most knowledgeable Members of Congress concerning matters of national defense. He was also a true and loyal friend, and a loving husband, father, and son. I extend deepest sympathy to the wife, mother, and daughter of Congressman BATES and to the rest of his fine family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMIE L. WHITTEN

OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing my deep sense of loss in the untimely death of our colleague, Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts. As has been said by so many, BILL had a wonderful personality and always had time for everyone. Possessed of energy and ability, he leaves a record unsurpassed for devotion to his duties. It is hard to understand how anyone who is right at the peak of his success would be taken from us. However, the accomplishments of his work will last for many years to come.

To his wife and family we extend our deepest and sincerest sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM T. MURPHY

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to join with my colleagues in a tribute to our late colleague and friend, WILLIAM BATES.

Throughout his long career in the House of Representatives, he demonstrated a deep commitment both to the people of the Sixth Congressional District in Massachusetts and to the Nation. Those of us who knew and worked with him respected him not only for his dedication and hard work as a legislator, but also for his warmth and friendliness as an individual.

His death has deprived Congress and the State of Massachusetts of a valuable public servant. His colleagues have lost a good friend. I hope that his family can be comforted by remembering that he lived a meaningful and productive life.

ADDRESS BY HON. DONALD D. CLANCY

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, I join today with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of WILLIAM H. BATES, a sincere, dedicated American and our friend. During the time that I had the privilege of serving here with him as a fellow member of the Armed Services Committee, I was always impressed by this able legislator and loyal public servant. His accomplishments were many and he was truly an example for all of us to follow. This statesman's life of service to his country should be an inspiration to us all.

I know, Mr. Speaker, that each one of us here today joins in extending deepest sympathy to his beloved wife and family.

ADDRESS BY HON. HARLEY O. STAGGERS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. Speaker, Hippocrates said:

Life is short and Art long. The Occasion fleeting; experience fallacious and judgment difficult.

How poignant this remark becomes when a loved and respected Member of this body is removed untimely from our midst.

The personal connections between those of us who are privileged to serve in Congress are unique in many ways. We stand in absolute equality here, responsible only to our constituents and to our consciences. And yet we depend upon a majority of our colleagues if we are to accomplish anything. Somehow we must reconcile our political and sectional and economic and personal interests in order to find a majority. All these interests shift from day to day in an unpredictable way. That is what makes the art of Government long and tedious, and experience an uncertain guide. He who has worked

out for himself an active and useful place in these legislative halls has indeed proved himself a man.

Today we know that BILL BATES was such a man.

BILL and I came to Congress shortly after the big war. We saw similar service in the Navy, and we learned the art of law-making together. I had known his father before him, and looked on him as a trusted friend. BILL proved himself a worthy successor to a distinguished predecessor. We valued him as a congenial and dependable legislator, true to his country, to his ideals, and to his responsibilities.

His passing leaves us infinitely saddened. Somehow we feel that a bright career was cut short to the detriment of his fellows. But we know, as he knew, that a Divine Providence rules over the affairs of men, and things happen only in conformity with His purpose.

To his bereaved wife and family we offer our most respectful condolences, and we trust that their grief will be assuaged by the consciousness that he served his place well during all the days which were accorded him on this temporal scene.

ADDRESS BY HON. J. J. PICKLE

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, when the sad news reached us that BILL BATES had passed away, the entire House lost a friend and colleague. But I lost more. I lost a shipmate, a comrade-in-arms. BILL BATES and I served together aboard the U.S.S. *Miami* for over a year and a half during World War II. Together, we plowed through the far reaches of the Pacific Ocean. We enjoyed that special friendship that builds in an instant during wartime and lasts forever.

BILL BATES came to us from Brown University where he developed an outstanding record, both as a scholar and as a sportsman. At Brown, he was an all-conference football player and aboard the *Miami* he was quickly dubbed as our "All-American Football Player."

BILL was energetic and affable. It was a delight to see him each day and get a dose of his contagious and friendly personality. Immediately, he gained the respect of officers and enlisted men alike. No one was better liked; no one was more respected. BILL added something to the standard "officer and gentleman" description—he was a good man.

When the war ended and we stepped off in our different directions, BILL and I remained in contact. I noted with pride that he succeeded his father in Congress. At that time, I did not dream that I would be honored to be one of his colleagues in this body. So, when I came to Washington, it was natural that one of my first calls was to visit an old buddy—BILL BATES. He had not changed. He still had that same sparkle, bounce, and enthusiasm that he enjoyed 20 years before. Although he was a Republican and I was a Democrat, that never bothered our friendship. He took me in tow, introduced me to many Members in Congress and helped me in many ways. He continued this through the years and months we served together.

I do not believe, Mr. Speaker, that anyone has served in Congress who had more of an aggressive, yet friendly, personality, BILL became an expert in his field of military preparedness. As a ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, he did his homework—he always knew what he was talking about. I know better than most that his interest in military preparedness was kindled in those early days of World War II when BILL was serving his country. BILL BATES knew his subject well as many witnesses before his committee ruefully discovered when they ventured beyond factual proof of their statements. Anyone testifying before his committee had to be prepared and willing to accept the possibility of probing questions.

BILL is gone, but he will be remembered.

It was my high privilege to be included among those who attended his final ceremonies in Salem, Mass. People by the thousands lined the streets in overwhelming tribute to a man and his principles. I was impressed again with the deep love his people had for BILL BATES, for his family and for his late father. BILL was loved and respected by his constituents and they chose an appropriate way to tell the country of their affection—they lined the streets in farewell.

As hard as BILL's place will be to fill here, his place can never be filled in the hearts of those who have known him over the years.

Although we have to accept the ebb and flow of life, all of us ponder the somber revelation that these halls will not be as cheerful or as pleasant or as challenging without our friend. BILL was a noble soul, a great friend, and an outstanding Congressman. He served his country well and left a record for us to follow.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN M. MURPHY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, we all feel a deep sense of loss at the passing of one of our most beloved and distinguished colleagues. BILL BATES will be sorely missed by everyone. BILL BATES was a quiet, sincere, and dedicated American. He was a man molded in the image of the best American traditions.

His untimely death is surely a double tragedy. No one can adequately describe the grief BILL BATES' family and loved ones are suffering from his death. But the American people also mourn his death. America cannot afford to lose men of the caliber of BILL BATES. In the 19 years that he served his country and his district, both on the Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, he set a standard of loyalty and dedication which all of us may admire.

As Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover said, "I am proud to have been associated with so fine a gentleman and patriot who did such honor to this country and to his State."

Mr. Speaker, I and my family extend our most sincere condolences to Mrs. Bates, their daughter, Susan, and the rest of his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation and my other colleagues in paying tribute to the late Congressman WILLIAM BATES. Words are inadequate to properly express the great loss, not only in Massachusetts, but the entire United States has suffered in the passing of the late Congressman BATES. I had an opportunity to see Congressman BATES almost everyday since his office was located on the same floor as my office in the Rayburn Office Building and quite often we walked over to the floor of the House together.

I and the entire Nation was shocked to learn of Congressman BATES' sudden serious illness as I thought he was one of the healthiest Members serving in the House of Representatives. He was all that anyone could expect of a Congressman, a statesman, and a gentleman. He will be greatly missed here in the House of Representatives and there is no doubt in my mind that this country is a much better place to live on account of the late Congressman BATES' service as a Member of Congress. He always met everyone with a smile and never criticized anyone. He was a great leader and outstanding statesman and has left a record for all the younger generation to shoot for in this world. I want to express my deepest sympathy to all the members of the Bates family and know that he will be greatly missed in his home since he was strictly a family man. He left an enviable record with the Armed Forces of our country during World War II especially during the time he was on duty aboard ship in some of the toughest battles. I personally will always miss serving with the late Congressman BATES and feel that he was one of the finest men that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing during my lifetime.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM D. FORD

OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Speaker, the recent death of our colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, robbed this Congress and this Nation of a public servant who will be sorely missed. His judgment, his understanding, and his unabashed love for his country were among the many outstanding qualities that made him an effective and respected Member of Congress.

I consider it a rare privilege to have served in the 89th, 90th, and 91st Congresses with BILL BATES. Although we sat on opposite sides of the aisle, and represented differing political philosophies, I found that partisanship played no part in his thinking or his voting when the interests of the Nation were at stake.

As a former naval officer, he was one of the acknowledged experts in the House on matters of defense. As a member of the Armed Services Committee for the past 19 years, he has played an immeasurable role in guiding this Nation's defense policies through some of the most critical periods of our history.

To his family, I extend my most sincere sympathy. I know that their grief is tempered by the knowledge that their loved one leaves an outstanding record of public service, and an imperishable memory of a great and good man.

ADDRESS BY HON. SILVIO O. CONTE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, there have been many eloquent tributes to the late Congressman from the Sixth District of Massachusetts, WILLIAM H. BATES. I thought the comments made on the floor of the House on July 8 were among the most moving.

The directors of the Republican Club of Massachusetts have passed a most fitting resolution in honor of the late and beloved Representative from the Sixth District. I therefore include it in the RECORD at this point:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF MASSACHUSETTS, JUNE 25, 1969

The story of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES is that of a life well lived, but which was cut short at the age of 52.

He served with distinction in the U.S. Navy during World War II and thereafter later rising to captain in the Naval Reserve. In 1949, when he was on active duty, his father, Hon. George J. Bates, met with an untimely death.

It was only natural that BILL should have been elected to fill his father's place in the halls of the U.S. Congress, which position he held until the time of his death.

He was respected and admired by all of his colleagues and rose to the position of ranking Republican Member of the Armed Services Committee.

He was a good family man and his place in public life of this community will not easily be filled.

Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Directors of the Republican Club of Massachusetts, on behalf of its entire membership, expresses its sincere regret at the passing of Congressman BATES, and offers its deep sympathy to Mrs. Bates and family; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the club and that a copy of the same be sent to the widow and family of the late Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES.

WILLIAM D. WEEKS,
President.
ALBERT M. FORTIER, Jr.,
Secretary.

ADDRESS BY HON. CATHERINE MAY

OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Speaker, the deep sense of loss we all felt upon learning of the untimely death of our colleague, BILL BATES, will not be lessened for some time to come. It is with a growing awareness of the tremendous void in our ranks that I join with my colleagues in paying tribute

to the memory of this outstanding gentleman and statesman and in extending heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family.

We will remember his dedication, his hard work, his knowledge and understanding, his never failing warmth and friendship. Just as it is true that a man lives as long as the memory of him lives, it is true that BILL BATES will live for a long time in our hearts and in the annals of this Nation he served so well.

In our shared sadness, we also want to express our gratitude to the divine providence that gave this Chamber and this Nation the benefit of his wisdom and counsel during these past 19 years.

ADDRESS BY HON. F. BRADFORD MORSE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, in furtherance of our tributes to our late beloved colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts, I wish to place into the Record at this point several resolutions adopted by State, county, and community governmental agencies following BILL BATES' untimely passing.

The Executive Council of Massachusetts, with the Governor presiding, adopted this resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, of Salem, Massachusetts, served his district and the nation with great distinction during the past 19 years, and

Whereas, Before his election to Congress he had been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander in the United States Navy in recognition of his 10 years of faithful and courageous duty in behalf of the country that he loved, and

Whereas, He was the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee who had the understanding and appreciation of our defense needs that was matched by his determination to keep our armed forces strong in order to discourage potential aggressors, and

Whereas, In every way he was the exemplary public servant who was respected and admired by his colleagues, constituents and many friends for his complete devotion to his responsibilities, and therefore

Be it resolved, That the Executive Council of Massachusetts does hereby express its grief and its sympathy to the members of his family by having a signed copy of this resolution forwarded to his widow, and be it further

Resolved, That this Council shall adjourn forthwith to honor the memory of the late Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES.

Francis W. Sargent, Governor; Thomas D. Lane; G. Edward Bradley; Raymond F. Cronin, Jr.; Herbert L. Connolly; Nicholas W. Mitchell; Walter F. Kelly, Patrick J. McDonough; Samuel M. Flaksman, Executive Secretary.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed the following resolution, which was offered by Representative Samuel E. Zoll and Michael J. Harrington, both of Mr. BATES' home city, Salem:

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM H. BATES

Whereas, The Massachusetts House of Representatives with deep sorrow has learned of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES who, for the past nineteen years, has sincerely and faithfully served the Sixth Congressional District as its Representative in Congress; and

Whereas, A naval officer in World War II and a model family man, WILLIAM H. BATES was distinguished as a public servant; as the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee he championed a nuclear navy; he also served as the second ranking member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy; and

Whereas, During his term of office, this truly dedicated public servant exercised the authority of his office with great dignity and a great sense of responsibility and endeared himself to all those with whom he came in contact by his demeanor, sincerity of purpose and knowledge of State, National and World Affairs; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth may justly grieve when a statesman and public servant, such as WILLIAM H. BATES, is so untimely called to his reward; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives hereby expresses to the bereaved family of WILLIAM H. BATES its profound sympathy in the great loss which has come to them and the Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the House and an engrossed copy thereof be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the family of WILLIAM H. BATES.

House of Representatives, adopted, June 24, 1969.

DAVID M. BARTLEY,
Speaker.

WALLACE C. MILLS,
Clerk.

A true copy. Attest: John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The action of the county commissioners of Essex County, Mass., was reported in this manner:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Essex, ss:

At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners held at Salem on Tuesday, June 24, 1969, Chairman Burke and Commissioners Cahill and Donovan were present.

Upon motion of Mr. Cahill, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted:

That Resolutions be drawn as a memorial to Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, of the Sixth Congressional District, said Resolutions to be spread upon the records of the County Commissioners, a copy thereof sent to his wife, and copies to be posted at the Superior Court House in Salem, to wit:

Whereas, The passing of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES of the Sixth Congressional District, on June 22, 1969, removed from his district and the County of Essex a man of high principle, great dignity and devotion to public duty, and

Whereas, The Sixth Congressional District, the County of Essex, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the United States of America, have lost in his death a man who always carried out his public duties in an exemplary manner, and

Whereas, Throughout his distinguished career in public service his objective was what was best for all the people, and

Whereas, He always had the courage of his convictions and was not afraid to take a stand on issues, and

Whereas, He was always most cooperative with the County Commissioners of Essex County in helping them solve problems where federal assistance was needed, and

Whereas, His untiring efforts for the people and industries in his district were most laudatory, Be It

Resolved, That as officials of the County of Essex, personally and as representatives of those who have so many times honored him with public office, we cause these Resolutions to be spread upon the records of our County of Essex as a memorial of our recognition of the achievements of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES in the Congress of the United States of America, and as an expression of our profound sorrow and deep regret on his passing.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to his beloved wife as an expression of our sympathy in her bereavement.

Attest:

BARBARA O. CHAPMAN,
Deputy Assistant Clerk.

This was the resolution adopted by the city council of Haverhill, Mass.:

RESOLUTION

Let the record show that the citizens of Haverhill join with the Nation in mourning the death of WILLIAM H. BATES, our distinguished Representative in the Congress of the United States.

His sensitivity to the human rights and needs of his people, mark him well in the journals of our district and our Nation. His service to the brotherhood of man have earned for him the love and esteem of all of those who knew him and those whom he served so well and devotedly for these many years.

The Haverhill City Council joins with his legions of friends to extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family and pray that God grant them strength to endure this hour of tragedy.

May God grant him the eternal rest he so richly deserves, as we commit his mortality to the earth and his memory and deeds to the generations to come after us.

In city council: June 24, 1969, adopted.

Attest:

W. CHESTER ANGUS,
City Clerk.

The mayor and members of the city council of Gloucester, Mass., adopted this resolution:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM H. BATES

Whereas, On the twenty-second day of June 1969, death brought to a close the active life of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES; and

Whereas, Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES has, through his foresight and zeal for this District, earned the affection of the people in the entire District and in particular Gloucester; and

Whereas, The stature he experienced in this District by his exemplary life and monumental achievements was recognized during his lifetime;

Be It Therefore Resolved, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gloucester, Massachusetts, does, by this Resolution and public record, recognize the profound influence of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES upon the development of the Sixth Congressional District recognizing further that his death is a distinct loss to our City in which he won deep respect and affection.

Be It Further Resolved, That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Council and a copy be forwarded to his family in recognition of Congressman BATES' respected place in this community, a copy be forwarded to his

Washington office and a copy be forwarded to the Gloucester Daily Times in order that the public may know of the esteem and affection in which he was held.

Adopted this tenth day of July 1969.

Mayor Joseph F. Grace; Miles J. Schlichte, Vice Chairman; Virginia C. Flannagan, Argyle G. Lautzenhiser, John Stanley Boudreau, Edward P. Flynn, Andrew C. Nickas.

Attest:

A true copy.

FRED J. KYROUZ,
City Clerk.

At a special town meeting, the citizens of Manchester, Mass., adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM HENRY BATES, CONGRESSMAN

(Resolution offered by J. Joseph Flatley, Town Moderator)

Whereas, God in His divine wisdom has called from our midst the soul of our esteemed Congressman, The Honorable WILLIAM HENRY BATES, who has served our citizens as a dedicated and diligent Representative, and

Whereas, His passing has left a great void in our community,

Now, be it resolved, That the people of Manchester, Massachusetts, in Town Meeting asembled, do hereby deeply mourn his loss, and

Be it further resolved, That this resolution shall be incorporated into the Town records and a copy of the same be sent to the bereaved members of his family.

Attest:

GEORGE C. RICE,
Town Clerk.

ADDRESS BY HON. LESLIE C. ARENDS

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, as you know, our esteemed late colleague, WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts, was at the time of his death the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee. Since his untimely passing, it became my duty to carry on his minority leadership duties on that committee. It is on an official, as well as

personal basis, that I know the high regard in which BILL BATES was held by military people everywhere.

The messages of condolence received by BILL's lovely wife, Pearle Jean Bates, are illustrative, and I should like to quote some of these. Everywhere, both in and out of Congress, wherever BILL BATES was known he was held in the highest regard.

Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

Mrs. Wheeler joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to you at the loss of your fine husband, Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES.

For more than a quarter of a century, your husband served our country with true distinction both as a Naval Officer and as a Member of the United States Congress. I shall miss his counsel on matters affecting the Armed Services.

While words are small solace indeed, you may take pride in the length and quality of your husband's service. Again, our deepest sympathy.

General W. C. Westmoreland, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army:

It was with deep regret that I learned of your husband's untimely passing. I wish to extend Mrs. Westmoreland's and my heartfelt sympathy in your great personal loss. I admired your BILL very much and considered him a warm friend.

All members of the Army join me in the hope that the memory of his distinguished service to our country will be of some comfort to you and your daughter in your bereavement.

Adm. T. H. Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy:

It was with great sorrow that we learned of the loss of your husband on Sunday. BILL was a great man and a staunch American who served his country with peerless dedication.

Mrs. Moorer and I and all the men and women of the Navy offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences for the untimely loss of your beloved and respected husband.

Gen. J. P. McConnell, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force:

It is with deep regret that I learned of the passing of your husband. On behalf of the men and women of the United States Air Force, I extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Gen. L. F. Chapman, Jr., Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps:

It was with the deepest regret that I learned of the death of your husband, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES. Both personally and officially on behalf of all Marines, I extend to you my sympathy in your bereavement.

The memory of his selfless devotion to our country and the world will serve as an inspiration to those who follow. His courage, dedication, and love for

humanity will always serve as a shining example of those noble qualities which have made our country great.

It is my sincere hope that the memories of your many years together and the knowledge that Marines throughout the world share your sorrow at his passing may be a source of some comfort to you in the days to follow.

For the past several years, Congressman BATES was one of the U.S. Representatives to the Parliamentarians' Conference of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and he served on the Military Committee at these annual conferences. These two messages from NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, therefore, are of special interest:

William Dixon Boggs, First Secretary, U.S. Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization:

Rein and I were deeply saddened to receive the tragic news of your husband's death. We will remember him as an intelligent and friendly man and as a wonderful servant of his country.

Please accept our sincere condolences.

Ph. Deshormes, Secretary General, North Atlantic Assembly:

It was with much sorrow that we learned of the news of your husband's death. Please accept, on behalf of the President of the North Atlantic Assembly, Dr. Kasim Gulek, and in my own name, our most sincere condolences and deep sympathy for you and your family on your bereavement. I know that your husband's loss will be deeply felt by all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

The Honorable Robert E. Quinn, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, Washington, D.C., wrote about Mr. BATES:

He was a fine Congressman and a great American.

Rear Adm. B. H. Bieri, Jr., Chief of Supply Corps, Department of the Navy, had reference to Representative BATES' service in the Supply Corps when he wrote to his widow. Mr. BATES enlisted as a seaman and nearly 10 years later held the rank of lieutenant commander when he resigned upon being elected to Congress. When he died, he was a captain in the Naval Reserve Supply Corps. Admiral Bieri's letter to Mrs. Bates read:

It was with profound sorrow that I learned of Congressman BATES' passing, and on behalf of his many friends in the Supply Corps I extend my deepest sympathy for your great loss.

Congressman BATES served his country with patriotism and honor for many years, both as an officer in the active naval forces and as a Member of

Congress. We can never repay him for this service, however, if we can be of any assistance to you we would consider it a privilege.

May God give you strength and courage through this most trying time.

Vice Adm. B. J. Semmes, Jr., commander of the U.S. Navy's 2d Fleet, dispatched this message to Chairman Mendel Rivers of the Armed Services Committee:

With a deep sense of loss we join with other military in expressing our sympathy at the passing of Capt. WILLIAM BATES, U.S. Naval Reserve, Member of Congress. His dedication and effectiveness as a member of your committee resulted in many actions in behalf of servicemen and in strengthening the readiness of the U.S. Armed Services. Please pass our deep sympathy to his family and to your committee.

Rear Adm. F. Massey, commander, Fleet Air, U.S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R.I., wired Mrs. Bates:

Mrs. Massey and I are deeply saddened at the death of your husband. A truly great and dedicated man, he represented the finest qualities of a naval officer and an American. Our prayers join those of your family at this time of great sorrow.

Capt. Raymond A. Komorowski, commanding officer, U.S.S. *Boston*—CA–69:

The officers and men of U.S.S. *Boston,* CA–69 in South East Asian waters wish to extend their condolences to the family of the Honorable WILLIAM HENRY BATES, esteemed Congressman from Massachusetts.

We who are adopted sons of Boston and Massachusetts know full well his accomplishments—for the nation, the Commonwealth and the Navy. He will be sorely missed. We grieve with you and add our measure of prayer to that of the country.

Capt. Alfred R. Olsen, Jr., commanding officer, U.S.S. *Biddle*—DLG–34—of which Mrs. William H. Bates was sponsor in 1965:

Words are inadequate at a time like this, but I want you to know that you both are in our prayers and that you have our heartfelt sympathy in your tremendous loss.

Comdr. John W. Peterson, commanding officer, U.S.S. *Glover*—AGDE–1—named for a Revolutionary War hero from Marblehead, Mass., in Congressman BATES' district:

Officers and men of *Glover* join me in sending deepest personal regrets upon receiving the news of your husband's death. The warm bonds of friendship between *Glover* and the town of Marblehead which were fostered largely through his efforts will never be forgotten.

Brig. Gen. Felix J. Gerace, commanding, U.S. Army Natick Laboratories:

All of us here at Natick Laboratories are deeply grieved by the loss of our dear friend and supporter, Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES.

Through the years he worked tirelessly to increase the responsibilities and to improve the capabilities of these Laboratories, even though the Installation was not in his District. We all remember the personal interest he took in the "fight" to move the Food and Container Institute from Chicago to Natick, and like most of his battles, he won that one, too. A Food Radiation Laboratory was established here in about the same time frame because of his great interest in the applications of atomic energy for the betterment of mankind.

Please accept this letter as representing the feelings of all of the employees here, because we want you to know that we are thinking of you, your daughter and BILL's mother at this time.

Col. Frank P. Bane, New England division engineer, Corps of Army Engineers:

The tragic passing of your beloved husband is a personal loss to me and the entire staff of the New England Division of the Corps of Engineers. May I express my sincere condolences to you and your family.

We at the Division had worked closely with Congressman BATES and are keenly aware of his dedication to his country and to the district which he served so well for many years.

Mrs. Bane joins with me in expressing our sorrow. It is our hope that time and happy memories will ease the days ahead.

Adm. Gordon McLintock, superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy:

All hands of the United States Merchant Marine Academy join me in sending you our deepest sympathy. Congressman BATES was a very good friend to all of us who served the United States of America upon the sea. We shall miss him but we will not forget him and we will go forward in the BATES tradition.

FORMER COMMITTEE LEADERS

The Honorable Carl Vinson, the eminent former chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, a few years ago wrote to BILL BATES on the anniversary of his coming to Congress:

You have made a great record, when you take the gavel to run the Committee, the defense and security of the nation will be in a strong hand.

BILL naturally felt pleased and complimented, but destiny was not to permit fullment of the Vinson prediction. Upon learning of Mr.

BATES' death, Chairman Vinson wrote from his Georgia home to Mrs. Bates:

I was profoundly sorry and deeply grieved to learn of the passing of your husband. In your hour of bereavement and sorrow you and your family have my deepest sympathy.

BILL was one of my best friends and my life was enriched by my association with him during the years we served in Congress together.

You and your daughter have the satisfaction of knowing he was an outstanding American, and he made a very fine record during the years he served in Congress and on the Armed Services Committee of the House.

I mourn deeply his passing as I have lost a close friend.

Former Representative Porter Hardy, Jr., of Virginia, with whom BILL BATES worked closely on the Armed Services Committee for many years, wired to Mrs. Bates:

Deeply distressed by BILL's death. He was one of our great statesmen and my good friend.

Another former Congressman, the Honorable James E. Van Zandt, who, like Mr. Vinson, served on the Armed Services Committee with both BILL BATES and his father, the late George J. Bates, had campaigned for BILL during that historic special election campaign of 1950. His letter to Mrs. Bates after the sudden end of BILL's brillant career read as follows:

It was a source of personal sadness to learn of the death of your beloved husband and I extend my deep sympathy to you in your bereavement.

BILL as he was affectionately known by a large circle of admiring friends attained a high place in public life. He and I were close friends as well as colleagues when I was a member of Congress and I also knew his father quite well. As you know, BILL and I were in the Naval Reserves together and served on the Armed Services Committee as well as the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

BILL's death will be mourned by countless persons who have benefited from his active and fruitful life. As far as I am concerned personally, I have lost a true friend.

It is my fervent prayer that God will give you the necessary strength and courage to accept your great sorrow in the knowledge that death is not the end but in reality is the opening of the portals to a richer and more abundant life.

NAVY LEAGUE TRIBUTES

James M. Hannon, national president, Navy League of the United States, wrote to Mrs. Bates:

It was with the deepest sorrow that I learned of the tragic death of your husband. In sending our heartfelt sympathy, the Navy League of the United States joins with you and the Nation in mourning the loss of a great leader.

Though I know there is little that I can convey to alleviate your anguish and that of your family, I sincerely hope you will find consolation in the magnificent contribution BILL BATES has made to the strength and well-being of the Nation over his span of years in public life. Members of the Navy League shared your husband's deep devotion to the sea and his profound grasp of the importance of the world ocean to the public welfare.

His brilliant leadership ever served to foster progress that would reinforce this strength, in a way that was a source of inspiration to each of us. His profound conviction was a source of marked admiration, and I was especially pleased that our organization was able to pay tribute to his leadership through a resolution commending him, prior to his death.

Our prayers are with you and your family as we send our condolences in having lost a friend, who had gained our deep respect and affection, and one whom we greatly admired.

John G. "Jack" Norris, editor in chief of Navy magazine, official publication of the Navy League, paid this editorial tribute in the July-August 1969 issue:

WILLIAM H. BATES, 1917–69

Although coincidental, it was altogether fitting that Navy bandsmen were playing the National Anthem when Representative WILLIAM HENRY BATES (R-Mass.) died of stomach cancer at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

For the distinguished 52-year-old Congressman had devoted his life to his country. He entered the Navy well before Pearl Harbor, saw combat in the Pacific and was a career lieutenant commander until he resigned after running for and winning his father's seat in Congress in 1949.

Representative George Bates for years had been an influential member of the old House Naval Affairs Committee and the new House Armed Services Committee, playing a major role in the B–36-carrier controversy. His career ended tragically in a plane crash over Washington at the height of his Congressional prestige.

After BILL BATES took his seat on House Armed Services, his brilliance, strength of character and military and naval expertise also won him a coveted spot on the powerful Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. He was ranking minority member and a top decisionmaker of the Armed Services Committee and would have become chairman had he lived and the Republicans won control of the next Congress.

His popularity, standing and respect among his colleagues was shown by the 107 speeches of eulogy delivered in Congress after his death. Mr. BATES was a power in Congress, a strong advocate of a powerful nuclear Navy and a constant advocate of adequate American defense forces. His passing is an irreplaceable loss to the Navy and the nation.

Brig. Gen. Homer I. Lewis, national president, and Col. John T. Carlton, executive director, Reserve Officers Association wired to Mrs. Bates after the 43d national convention of ROA at Las Vegas, Nev.:

The Reserve Officers Association in National Convention assembled has voted unanimously to express our sorrow in the untimely passing of our great friend and statesman the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES and has awarded in tribute to his memory the ROA Minute Man Hall of Fame Award.

On October 18 the Reserve Officers Association, holding its 47th anniversary banquet at St. Louis, devoted its entire program in paying tribute to Congressman BATES, for nearly 20 years a Member of the House of Representatives. This tribute was made before reserve leaders from throughout the United States, with the new ROA president, Maj. Gen. Ray D. Free, presiding. It was a warm and highly merited honor to the memory of our esteemed friend, who throughout a lifetime of service to his country had been an inspiration to all who knew him.

The brief address of presentation was made by Brig. Gen. Homer I. Lewis, of Eagle Pass, Tex., the immediate past president of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, and the response was given by the widow of Congressman BATES, Mrs. Jean Dreyer Bates.

The presentation of this Minuteman Hall of Fame Award to Congressman BATES is in a real sense a tribute to this entire body. The address of General Lewis and the response of Mrs. Bates are included in the Record at this point, because of the occasion's significance to the life of our country:

ADDRESS OF GENERAL LEWIS

This is an evening on which we share pride in the record of our association and its 47 years of service to the cause of national security. Traditionally, we also honor on this occasion an outstanding citizen who, in a real sense, has helped us to advance our programs. We had looked forward to sharing this evening with our good friend—that great citizen, statesman, and officer—Congressman WILLIAM HENRY BATES of Massachusetts. The hand of the Lord removed him, however, and we are tonight honoring his memory and giving recognition due him and to his great career. We are honored that his widow is here with us, along with her sister and the Congressman's niece and nephew.

The Reserve Officers Association of the United States, since the tragedy of

unpreparedness of this country was demonstrated by the experience of World War I, has worked to keep our Nation secure, safe and at peace.

Congressman BATES, for the past quarter century himself was a part of this great movement in America. In 1940, noting the war clouds on the horizon and having a love for the sea from his life in a seafaring community, enlisted in the Navy and served throughout World War II. His outstanding leadership qualities earned him a direct commission and by the end of the war he had risen through the ranks to the grade of Lieutenant Commander. After his election to Congress, he remained in the Naval Reserve—ready to serve if again called into uniform—and at the time of his passing had been for some years a Captain in the United States Naval Reserve.

Captain BATES loved the Navy and had expected to make a career therein, but in 1949, after his statesman father died in a plane crash, he was drafted to occupy a seat in the Congress which had been occupied by his father.

BILL BATES served on the Armed Services Committee for 20 years. During the past several years he was the senior Republican on this committee and he shared in the enactment of the many sound laws governing the military service and providing for our national security. He helped with laws which were dictated by the lessons of experience of World War II and Korea. He believed strongly in the military services and himself had been ready to respond to a call to service from his position as a ready reservist. Those who know him are fully aware that had America's deterrents to World War III proved ineffective, that he would have given up his seat in the Congress to serve again in the active Navy.

Congressman BATES was a man of wisdom . . . a man of dedication . . . a man of deep loyalties. He was a man who believed in his country . . . believed in the causes to which he devoted his tremendous energies and talents. No man ever served in the Congress who was more genuinely beloved by his colleagues, and by those of us in all walks of life who had the privilege of knowing him personally. No man has ever merited more genuinely the place we now claim for him in the Nation's Minuteman Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Bates, I know that you share with us a feeling of satisfaction over the great and inspiring career of BILL BATES, whose example of courage, selfless devotion to duty and great work, has made this country richer in character, more safe and secure, and a finer nation for all time to come.

It is my privilege—and honor—on behalf of our association to present this citation:

Recognizing that the Honorable WILLIAM HENRY BATES through a long and inspiring career in the Congress, as a private citizen, and an officer of the United States Navy, has sacrificially devoted his genius and leadership to the cause of national security, and both in war and peace, has given meaning, substance, and effectiveness to the citizen-soldier tradition, vital to the safety and welfare of the United States of America, this association claims for him a place in this Nation's Minuteman Hall of Fame and this citation is

awarded to him posthumously to remind other citizens of their obligation of service to country.

Approved:

The National Convention, June 1969.

Presented by Army, Air Force, Navy-Marine Corps-Coast Guard Sections, 47th Anniversary Banquet, St. Louis, Missouri, October 18, 1969.

RAY D. FREE,
Major General, USAR, National President.

JOHN T. CARLTON,
Colonel, USAR, Executive Director.

RESPONSE OF MRS. BATES

General Free, General Lewis, Distinguished Head Table Guests, Members of the Military: I feel very much at home with you tonight. I was born in Missouri, as was our daughter, Susan, during the days of Iwo Jima. The uniform has always had my love, and respect. As a Navy bride, and the wife of a Congressman during the 20 challenging years he served on the House Armed Services Committee, a significant part and purpose of my life with BILL BATES was characterized by a solemn respect for, and genuine love of our country.

I am deeply touched by the splendid tribute—in your joint salute to the memory of my husband, in recognition of his interest in, and devotion to, the military—and for his earnest and untiring efforts toward the security of our country.

During the happenings of the past week, I dwelled upon the many gatherings when I had heard my husband's pleas: "We must keep our country militarily strong in order to preserve our liberties—or become second rate—and there is no prize for second place in military struggles of world affairs today" and "We are called the leader of the free world, the mightiest force for peace, and you and I should pledge we will keep it that way."

I can still hear his voice saying: "We must deal from a position of strength, not weakness. We must not allow events of past years in Southeast Asia to blur our vision when looking at our military posture. If we err in our preparedness, it must be on the side of strength, not weakness" and "The unpopular Viet Nam war has set the peace pulse of the Nation running high. We are at a dangerous point in time when we must face the stark reality that the price of security comes high, and we must be willing to pay the bill if this country is to survive."

As a Congressman, and as my husband, BILL would be pleased to have me here tonight among such fine Americans who proudly carry their patriotism on their shoulders and in their hearts, and who strongly support our Commander in Chief in his efforts to bring an end to the war in Viet Nam to

assure the survival of our great Nation. And he would be humbly proud of the honor you accord his name. I want you to know that our daughter and I, and the Bates family, thank you for this Minute Man Hall of Fame Award.

Only a few days ago, I noticed among my husband's papers, some lines which would perhaps best express a proper response, and in his own handwriting I read: "I am extremely grateful to you for the signal honor you have bestowed upon me this evening. I particularly treasure this citation because, as in your own life, in uniform or not, the military security of our beloved country has represented a very full measure of my efforts." Personally, I know that to him those efforts were very meaningful and a necessary fulfillment in his life. In his untimely passing, did it not seem almost ordained that if, on that quiet Sunday morning in June at the Bethesda Naval Medical Center, he had to slip away from life, it was during the flag raising ceremony to the strains of our National Anthem?

As for me, this occasion will stand out as a heartwarming addition to the memories I cherish of my husband, who lived his life so well. If, now, I can momentarily ignore the pain of personal loss, to sense a pride in and gratification for his dedication and those contributions he made to our country, then it is you tonight whom I must salute for making this moment a reality. Thank you.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES A. BURKE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, as I have stated here before, I was privileged to serve for years with the late Congressman BILL BATES, my distinguished colleague from my home State of Massachusetts, as cochairman of the informal House Footwear Committee. Together we sponsored many bipartisan efforts to aid our beleaguered shoe industry. I am continuing to carry on the fight we launched together; and I feel it was a tribute to BILL BATES that more than 300 Members of this House joined in signing our petition to President Nixon, which we hope may lead to needed voluntary controls on the devastating flood of foreign shoe imports.

In my close association with this fine man who has been wrested from our midst, I learned that he and his public service were appreciated by labor and management in many other areas besides the footwear industry. I would, therefore, like to quote some of the reactions to BILL BATES' passing.

Maxwell Field, executive vice president of both the National Footwear Manufacturers Association and the New England Footwear Association, in a letter to Mrs. Bates said:

Representative WILLIAM BATES was a loyal friend and stalwart supporter of the shoe industry during all the years he served in Congress. He was always the first to come to the aid of any shoe manufacturer or tanner, or their workers, if they had any serious problems, such as the current one on foreign footwear imports. In every respect he was much like his famous father, George.

John E. Mara, president of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, wired Congressman BATES' office:

40,000 members of the Boot and Shoe Workers Union saddened by the tragic death of BILL BATES who fought their greatest battle in sickness and health and lost his own. Deep sympathy to his family and colleagues.

Angelo Georgian, general secretary-treasurer of the United Shoe Workers of America—AFL–CIO—in a telegram to Mrs. Bates:

The general officers and members of the United Shoe Workers of America AFL–CIO extend their sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolences. We were shocked to learn of the Congressman's death, and his loss will be keenly felt by all of us. May God bless you and keep you and yours in your hour of sorrow.

Robert A. Chadbourne, executive vice president of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, sent this telegram to Congressman BATES' Washington office:

All of us are deeply saddened by the death of Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES. Massachusetts has lost an outstanding national leader and devoted citizen, and Massachusetts industry has lost a great friend. On behalf of the officers, members and staff of A.I.M. please accept and convey to Mrs. Bates our heartfelt sympathy.

H. N. Snook, general manager, Merrimack Valley Works, Western Electric Co., North Andover, Mass., wrote to BILL BATES' widow:

It is with the deepest personal grief that I write to express to you my sincere sympathy on the death of your husband. To me, BILL was not only a dedicated, conscientious man, devoted to the service of the people, he was also a kind, gentle person whose friendship provided inspiration to all of us who knew him.

BILL served his country in time of war and time of peace with a strength of duty that was unswerving in its determination that the cause of humanitarianism should be forever at the forefront in the wishes and deeds of man.

I would like you to know that my thoughts—and those of his many friends at Western Electric—are with you at this time.

Daniel S. Lisberger, general manager, investment department, General Electric Co., West Lynn, Mass., wrote to Mrs. Bates:

I was deeply shocked and very saddened to learn the news of your great loss. Like so many others, I was very fond of your husband and looked forward to the occasions when we had a chance to be together.

He was not only a fine man, but a truly wonderful public servant. We will miss him very much.

HONORS FROM FISHERMEN

"The Gloucester Fishermen" was the way the card was signed, advising Jean Bates that a generous contribution had been made to the American Cancer Society in her husband's memory. Through Salvatore J. Favazza, executive secretary of the city of Gloucester Fisheries Commission, Mrs. Bates learned that many fishermen had donated to this token in honor of the man who, year in and year out, had worked for ways and means of assisting the fishing industry.

Nothing could better illustrate how highly the fishermen and others concerned with the American fishing industry regard Congressman BATES than this editorial which appeared in the Gloucester Daily Times:

[From the Gloucester (Mass.) Daily Times, July 29, 1969]

A WAY TO REMEMBER BILL BATES

Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES worked diligently for his constituency on Cape Ann during a dedicated political career which spanned more than 20 years.

This diligence and dedication should not go unremembered.

BILL BATES should be remembered as the man who worked so well to have Gloucester recognized as an economically depressed area, thereby opening many of the federal funding doors our present city administration is now utilizing.

BILL BATES should be remembered as the man who helped greatly to bring the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries North Atlantic Regional headquarters and other establishments with resulting federal commitment to the fish industry.

And BILL BATES should be remembered as the man principally responsible for construction of the $650,000 Marine Products Development irradiator in the BCF Technological Laboratory on Emerson Avenue, Gloucester.

BILL BATES should be remembered.

But will he be?

What would be more fitting than to memorialize BILL BATES, as he should be memorialized by officially giving his name to the irradiator? After all, he caused it to be.

This facility is already informally known as the Bates irradiator due to the late Congressman's enthusiastic support of the project from its first vague inception back in 1960.

Let's make the designation official. Let's demonstrate our appreciation of his life's work in a way most meaningful. Let's remember a man who represented value among men. What better way to remember BILL BATES?

In Washington BILL BATES will be remembered as the Congressman who carried irradiated fish in his pocket, prepared at any moment to show the Gloucester product to any interested person. It was a standing joke on Capitol Hill and widely applauded. He used his fish as a gimmick to gain support for the irradiator whenever its federal funds were threatened by cost conscious administrators. And his gimmick usually worked.

Just prior to his death BATES once again expressed his dedication to the irradiator (and to Gloucester) by appealing from his hospital bed at the Bethesda Naval Center, for the continued Atomic Energy Commission funding of a key project now underway at the Gloucester Lab.

Though hospitalized with what then was known to be a terminal illness, BILL BATES fought to have AEC funds recommitted to the irradiator and to the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries animal feeding studies, designed to prove that irradiated food is safe for human consumption.

BILL BATES knew the value of these feeding studies. He knew that now, especially now, they must be continued lest all of the previous experimental work at the irradiator go to waste for lack of empirical evidence. BILL BATES was that committed.

Fittingly, one of BILL BATES' last official acts as the U.S. Congressman from the Sixth District was to fight (and win) to have the AEC restore $750,000 for food irradiation studies in the 1970 fiscal budget.

We think this sort of commitment deserves recognition, a fitting memorial to work well done. We do not doubt that he will be otherwise remembered, for the leather workers in Peabody will surely remember him, together with Gloucester fishermen, as long as they survive.

He will also no doubt be remembered by many of those who returned him to Washington for 20 consecutive years.

But sometimes memory needs a nemonic, an aid to prompt recollection more readily. To remember we believe is to value.

Even recognizing the sometimes puerile fetish we Americans have for naming things in memory of persons, the practice we feel remains to be one of the best means we have to remember an individual's contribution to the common good.

When the United States follows the example of Germany and the Soviet Union and begins to allow the sale of irradiated food for human consumption,

let's remember the role BILL BATES played in the early history of this exciting process of the future.

It is with the future in mind that we proposed that he be memorialized by the official designation of the Gloucester Marine Products Development Irradiator as "The William H. Bates Irradiator."

And who is to say, perhaps we also memorialize ourselves by doing so.

H. E. Crowther, Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, addressed this message to Congressman BATES' widow:

On behalf of the entire staff of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, may I express our deep sympathy to you on the loss of your husband.

Over the years, we maintained a close working relationship with BILL. He was very dedicated to the welfare of the American fisherman and will be long remembered for his deep and sincere interest in improving the economic status of the fishing industry.

His passing is a loss, not only to those of us who had the benefit of knowing and working with him, but to our entire country as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in sorrow.

NAVY YARD TRIBUTES

In accordance with the family's suggestion that donations might be made in BILL BATES' memory to the Cancer Society, numerous such contributions were made. Among them was one from the Boston Naval Shipyard Metal Trades Council—AFL–CIO. In a letter advising Mrs. Bates of this action, Council President Gustaf Lindberg stated:

Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES was one of our hardest workers for the Boston Naval Shipyard. He always welcomed us when we went to Washington. The Council Members really thought a great deal of him as one of our representatives.

D. D. Glatthorn, secretary-treasurer of the Superintendents Association, Boston Naval Shipyard:

The members of the Association deeply appreciate the past help and interest of Congressman BATES and sincerely mourn the loss of a fine friend and benefactor.

Not only was BILL BATES credited with a major share of responsibility in the continuance and planned modernization of Boston Naval Shipyard, but he was a constant leader in the efforts to have the 1974 closure order reversed for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. In fact, his distinguished colleague on the Armed Services Committee,

Mr. Leggett of California, has proposed that the closure be canceled as a tribute to this example of Congressman BATES' dedicated concern for the Nation's defense and economic security.

Timothy D. Flynn, president of local No. 4, American Federation of Technical Engineers, at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, wrote to Mrs. Bates about her husband:

He was a great man and I met him many times during the crisis here at the shipyard. He also was a considerate and well-informed friend. I am enclosing the feeling of the people of our area.

The enclosure was the following editorial from the Portsmouth Herald:

[From Portsmouth (N.H.) Herald, June 24, 1969]

THE SHIPYARD HAS LOST A GOOD FRIEND WITH THE DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE BATES

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has lost a good friend—U.S. Rep. WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts.

That dreaded killer—cancer—felled the Representative Sunday with all too few of us aware that he was making his last fight.

Throughout his nearly 20 years in the House, Representative BATES displayed a keen interest in the welfare of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. True, the cynic can point out that many of his constituents from the Newburyport-Amesbury area are employed there and it was to his political advantage to promote the yard.

However, in all honesty, their numbers aren't so great that Rep. BATES would have lost re-election without their support.

The man was sincerely a promoter of the shipyard because he believed it had a vital role to play in national defense.

We can only hope his sucessor will manifest the same interest; Portsmouth needs all the friends it can get.

ADDRESS BY HON. SILVIO O. CONTE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, in addition to those previously quoted, I wish to include in the Record several more of the tributes which have come

from a wide range of sources, both in and outside of government, to the memory of our beloved colleague, the late Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts, a distinguished member of both the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

Mostly in messages to Mrs. Bates, these include:

Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission:

On behalf of my fellow Commissioners and the staff of the Atomic Energy Commission, I must tell you of our sorrow over BILL's passing. We respected him, admired him, liked him, and now we will miss him so very much.

BILL was a splendid servant of the people and a gentleman. His death in the prime of life is a tragedy to the country, as it must be to you. We join in your bereavement.

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, USA, Director of Selective Service:

Mrs. Hershey and I were grieved to learn of the death of your husband. For ourselves and on behalf of my staff, our profound sympathy is extended to you and the family.

The Nation is deeply indebted to him for the dedication and devotion to its safety and welfare which distinguished his career as a citizen and a leader of the Congress.

To all of us privileged to know him, his death is a deep personal loss.

Richard Helms, Director, Central Intelligence Agency:

The sense of loss which those of us who have known and admired BILL here in Washington share with you is not the kind of thing that can easily be put into words. But I do very much want you to know that BILL had, and always will have, a very special place in the hearts of those of us in CIA. His wisdom, integrity, understanding and goodwill are certain to be sorely missed in the days ahead, but you can be certain that they will not be forgotten by those who have been privileged to know and work with him in connection with some of the most critical issues of our time. I trust that the high standards of public office he set will serve as an example of those who follow.

Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter, USA, Director, National Security Agency:

I was distressed to learn of the tremendous loss you have suffered and wish to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

I had the pleasure of enjoying a fairly close association with your husband over the past seven years, first during my years as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and since then as Director of the National Security Agency. He earned my highest admiration and respect, both for his personal virtues and for his professional capabilities. I will always remember him warmly for his unfailing courtesy and objectivity and for his absolute integrity. It was truly a privilege to have known him.

Julian D. Steele, commissioner, Department of Community Affairs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

I wish to extend to you and your family my profound condolences on the passing of your husband, BILL. As a longtime friend of BILL BATES, I am deeply grieved and saddened by his untimely death after a long and courageous fight.

BILL's passing is an irreplaceable loss to his country, his State, and his constituents whom he served so admirably as a U.S. Representative. His work as a public servant in Congress was in the finest tradition of the Bates family and of American patriotism. His devotion to duty and the national interest, his outstanding ability as a legislator, and his humane concern for the individual will long be remembered by his countrymen.

I personally have known BILL, as a public figure and a private citizen, for many years, shared with him a warm and cherished friendship, and relied upon his wise counsel. His loyalty, sincerity, integrity, and above all, his decency as a gentleman, will not soon be forgotten by me or by any person whose life was touched by BILL BATES.

Edward C. O'Keefe, president, Massachusetts Association for Retarded Children, Inc.:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Massachusetts Association for Retarded Children, as well as of myself personally, please accept our heartfelt expressions of condolence for the loss of your husband, Representative WILLIAM H. BATES.

His disappearance from the political arena has deprived the citizens of Massachusetts of a dedicated, honest and forceful servant. However, his many and outstanding achievements in the service of the Commonwealth will continue to be an inspiration for all his fellow workers.

Therefore, allow us to share with you the sorrow you and your family are experiencing, and accept our sincere homage to his memory.

ATHLETE AND FRIEND

In his high school and college days, BILL BATES was a football star, and he always maintained an interest in sports. Golf was his principal participation sport during his nearly 20 years in Congress, but he followed football and baseball news closely.

Paul H. Mackesey, Alumni Office at Brown University, Representative BATES' alma mater, recalled BILL's college days when he wrote to Jean Bates:

The news of BILL's death was received with great sadness here on campus, and I send to you my personal sympathy as well as that of his classmates and of the many Brown alumni who respected and admired him.

As a North Shore product myself and as one who played football at Brown, I came to know BILL as an undergraduate. The great ends of his team—BATES, Prodgers, Finklestein and Nash—will long remain a part of Brown's football history. But BILL will also be remembered as an honest, sincere and dedicated patriot and Congressman.

Hubert A. Schneider, president of Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, Md., said in his letter to Mrs. Bates:

Although many of us have personally expressed to you our profound grief and sympathy on BILL's death, I would like to record it officially on behalf of all members of Burning Tree.

BILL was one of our most cherished members. He brought to the Club a wit, a sense of companionship and fellowship, and a competitive spirit which was unmatched. Whenever he was in our midst his exuberance lifted all our spirits and made the day so much better for those who were fortunate enough to be in his company. We shall miss him terribly, but at the same time we are grateful that a BILL BATES once lived and played among us and that we were privileged to know him and enjoy his friendship.

BILL served with distinction on many important committees where his opinions and judgments, based upon a deep devotion to the best interests of the Club and its members, were greatly respected.

(BILL's picture in the Club) will now serve as a constant reminder of one of the finest men who ever graced the halls and fairways of Burning Tree.

Arch Macdonald, newscaster for WBZ–TV, Boston, wrote to BILL BATES' widow in much the same words he expressed on television on June 23:

Your husband was one of the finest and most able men I have ever known in government—and that covers a span of 30 years.

BILL was far more than a "news source" to me. I considered him a friend as well for whom I had affection and great respect.

The many tributes paid him by the great and less great alike indicate that myriads share your loss. But none of us can alleviate you beyond praying fervently for you. That I can and will do.

Again—my heartfelt sympathy. Your husband was not just a good man—he was one of the best. His goodness and love of fellow man remains alive so long as anyone he touched remains alive.

Anthony Cama, poet and feature writer for the Lynn, Mass., Sunday Post, printed this tribute on June 29, 1969:

WILLIAM H. BATES

This is a poetic eulogy to Congressman WILLIAM H. BATES, dedicated, fearless, and valiant American who served his country with an indomitable will and a profound love. He truly was a "servant of the people" with a com-

passionate heart, an uplifting smile, and a spirit that shall ever be a living, memorable flame.

O, Valiant spirit, tranquil be your sleep
And restful be your soft, enduring flame.
You are now part of God's eternal deep
And blessed is your bright, courageous name!
To you the hero's wreath, the lance of light,
You loved and served your nation ever true.
The name of Bates shall star the spangled night,
You were a part of us and we of you.
God bless you, BILL, in your eternal rest!
You fought to keep this nation strong and free;
How many times you raised your valiant voice
To keep this land a torch of liberty,
The democratic dream; the people's choice.
This nation mourns your sad and anguished loss;
As through life's mortal gates you now depart.
To you, the fulgent crown, the sacred Cross,
As you return within God's loving heart.
God bless you, BILL, in your eternal rest!

—ANTHONY CAMA.

Another poetic tribute was this, by Laurence Burns of Swampscott, Mass., published in the Lynn, Mass., Daily Evening Item:

HON. WILLIAM H. BATES

The flag's half-staff, the mournful sound,
Is Gabriel's horn, and in Time's distant realm;
An airplane crash, his father gone,
A Navy man must rise to take the helm.
So there he was, in Congress' halls,
He helped his country find its way;
Through tangled paths, the leaders come,
They cannot bring him back, but pause to pray.
The many that he helped crowd 'round his bier,
His body's gently lowered in the fresh spring sod;
The sound of taps is gentle as a spirit freed,
The crowds disperse, he walks the distant paths with God.

—LAURENCE BURNS.

Mark Evans, vice president and director of public affairs for Metromedia, Inc., Washington, D.C., wrote the following letter to the editor, The Evening News, Salem, Mass., BILL BATES' home city:

Feeling a sense of frustration, I am resorting to this means of contacting the Sixth District citizenry.

It has been my good fortune for the past 25 years to have a ringside seat

to observe the workings of the Federal Government, both as a broadcaster and as a broadcast executive. I have seen men of stature come and go in political defeat and in death. I can honestly state that I have never known a finer American or a more dedicated human being than Congressman WILLIAM BATES of Salem.

I have known him intimately for the past five years. I have seen him under most every circumstance. I have known him when the going was rough and when the going was smooth. I have seen him on the golf course; I have fished with him; I have watched him in the legislative halls. In those years and under all those circumstances, I have never known the man to say a mean thing about any other human being. I have never seen him angry. I have never heard him profane. I have never heard him tell an off-color story. I have never seen him take a drink or use tobacco. In short, I must confess this man was as near perfection as any man I have ever known.

The devotion and love he showed his wife and daughter were exceeded only by the devotion he showed for Salem, Massachusetts, New England and the country he served so well.

My purpose in writing is simply to thank the people of the Sixth District for sending such a man to the Congress of the United States for so many years.

ADDRESS BY HON. SILVIO O. CONTE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, tributes continue to be paid to our late beloved colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts. On Veterans Day, November 11, 1969, the cornerstone for the new Bates Elementary School was laid in appropriate ceremonies in his home city of Salem.

Not only does this school honor the memory of BILL BATES, whose death on June 22 last, deeply saddened all of us, but it also honors his distinguished father and former mayor of Salem, Congressman George J. Bates, whose sudden death in a plane accident here in Washington on November 1, 1949, led to his son's election as his successor.

I am advised that the Bates Elementary School is being constructed on Kernwood Avenue land donated to the city of Salem by the Kernwood Country Club. The $2,500,000 structure is scheduled for completion and dedication in September of 1970 and will be one of the

most well-appointed schools in Massachusetts. Its 22 classrooms will provide for three kindergarten classes and 19 classes from grade one through grade six.

In addition, there will be several rooms for special type classes and guidance purposes, a large community hall-gymnasium, and another hall combined with a cafeteria lunch area. Indeed, it appears that this new Bates School will fulfill the hope expressed at the cornerstone laying, that it will be a "worthy monument" to the memory of two outstanding public servants, Congressmen George and William Bates.

Mr. Speaker, I feel the Record should include the following newspaper account of the Veterans Day ceremony at Salem, Mass.:

[From the Salem (Mass.) Evening News, Nov. 12, 1969]

MANY AT BATES SCHOOL CORNERSTONE PLACING

SALEM.—Despite turbulent weather a cornerstone ceremony for the new Bates Elementary School was held on Veterans' Day with many members of the municipal family present.

The ceremony marked the first new school to be started in this city since 1962.

The family of the late Congressmen George J. Bates Sr. and William H. Bates were present for the event.

U.S. Rep. Michael J. Harrington and Mayor Francis X. Collins also turned out for the historic moment.

Keynote speaker was School Committeeman M. Ruth Norton, who said that the placing of the cornerstone of the Bates School "will stand as an indication that Salem is not asleep in handling its educational needs."

Mrs. George J. Bates and Mrs. William H. Bates placed a sealed box in the cornerstone, while surrounded by members of their families.

(Miss Norton had compiled a scrapbook consisting of clippings from the Salem Evening News, School Department memos, pictures of the School Committee and specifications for the building which was placed in box.)

Miss Norton said:

"It is very gratifying to see so many here this morning joining with us in the cornerstone ceremony of the new Bates school.

"This is our first new school since the Bentley was opened in 1962. The new Bates school, when built, will stand as an indication that Salem is not asleep in handling its educational needs.

"Your school committee has as its goal, constant improvement of our education facilities and services. We are fortunate in Salem that Mayor Collins and our city council are aware of the importance of a good educational program and are willing to consider the requests and needs of our schools as presented by the School Committee.

"As we all know this school has come about through the cooperation of these two groups . . . The Salem City Council and the Salem School Committee.

"Indeed we are pleased that our new school honors two distinguished Salemites: Congressman George J. Bates Sr. and Congressman William H. Bates.

"Their untimely deaths, at the peak of their careers in public life, were the cause of much sorrow; . . . our city, our state, and our nation lost two great men and many lost valued friends.

"This school is affectionately dedicated to them with the hope that it is a worthy monument to their memory."

Among those attending were: Capt. Raymond H. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bates and son, Francis Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George J. Bates Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Stanton, Mrs. Katherine Bates Ginty, Theodore Simons of the Kernwood Club, Dr. May Berman, president, Kernwood Club Association.

School committeemen present were: Miss Norton, Morley Piper, S. Steve Salvo, Dr. James P. Ryan, and Ronald G. Plante.

Representing the City Council were: Bruce J. McLaughlin, George F. McCabe, Louis A. Swiniuch, and Joseph R. Ingemi, Jr.

School Department personnel included: Supt. Lawrence J. Fitzpatrick, Assistant Supt. Joseph Salerno, Business Mgr. John J. Grady, Principal Philip J. O'Donnell and Secretary to the Superintendent Dorothea Barry.

Architects John M. Gray Sr. and Francis Gray were present.

PROCEEDINGS

IN THE

UNITED STATES SENATE

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *June 23, 1969.*

Mr. PASTORE. Mr. President, it is with a very heavy heart that I express my deep sorrow on the passing of a dear colleague and close friend, Representative WILLIAM H. BATES, of Massachusetts.

He and I were associated on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy for quite a number of years. We came to know each other well during this association. I dare to say that in all my life I have never met a man who was finer and more decent than BILL BATES. He was an exemplary father and husband, a devoted public servant, and a great American. I know that Congress will miss him, and miss him sorely.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his very lovely family.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, BILL BATES was in the great tradition of Congressmen who are servants not only of their districts but of the Nation as well. All who worked with him respected him for his dedication to his constituents and to his country.

Over the years, the Massachusetts congressional delegation met periodically on Massachusetts problems as the need arose and communication between members of the delegation was sometimes very frequent. I came to know BILL BATES in this way. I can say, Mr. President, that whether the problem was a labor-management conflict in Lynn or shoe imports in Haverhill or Salem, BILL's knowledge of the problem was thorough, his compassion real and his dedication not only obvious but effective.

The people of his district were proud of their representative in Congress and the people of Massachusetts take great satisfaction in his service to the Nation.

As a public servant, he was outstanding and as a friend he was sensitive and steadfast. His death is a loss to us all.

Mr. BROOKE. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 450

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM H. BATES, a Representative from the State of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That a committee of fifty-seven Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Attest:

W. PAT JENNINGS,
Clerk.

Mr. BROOKE. Mr. President, I submit a resolution, for my colleague from Massachusetts (Mr. Kennedy) and myself, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read for the information of the Senate.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (S. Res. 214) as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 214

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM H. BATES, late a Representative from the State of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BROOKE. Mr. President, WILLIAM BATES had all of the attributes of an ideal public servant: a keen intellect, the ability to grasp difficult problems, a deep sense of compassion and understanding, a notable sense of humor, and above all those traits of character and integrity which earned for him the respect of his colleagues and constituency alike. I am sure that the people of the Sixth District, no matter what their political affiliation, feel that they have lost a very good friend. It is certain that the Commonwealth has lost one of her most distinguished sons and the Congress a Member of the first rank. BILL BATES would have been one of the last to consider himself indispensable, but with his passing I think that all of us are conscious that his place will be a difficult one ever to fill. He served his district, his Commonwealth, and his Nation with never less than total excellence and with utmost fidelity and devotion. My wife joins me in extending to Mrs. Bates and all of the family our heartfelt sympathy. It is a tragedy that a man like Congressman BILL BATES, in the prime of his life and with so many years of service yet unfulfilled, should have been taken from us.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the resolution, the Chair appoints the two Senators from Massachusetts, Senator Brooke and Senator Kennedy, to join with a like committee of the House to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BROOKE. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, Representative BATES, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 2 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), under the previous order, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 24, 1969, at 11 o'clock a.m.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN STENNIS

OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. President, I think it is especially fitting and proper as we consider the Defense authorization bill to pause and reflect on the untimely death of Representative WILLIAM H. BATES of Massachusetts. Representative BATES, the ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, was struck down by cancer at the age of 52. His passing will be particularly felt by those of us who are privileged, as he was, to confront almost daily problems affecting the Nation's defense.

It was my privilege on a number of occasions to serve with BILL BATES on conference committees and I have always been impressed by the warmth and gentle nature of this dedicated American. He was a veteran of 11 terms in the House of Representatives and before that he had served 10 years as a U.S. naval officer. So he brought to the deliberations on our national security a wealth of knowledge and experience and his wise counsel and skillful service will be sorely missed as the Congress considers some of the most critical and troublesome defense problems of our times.

In addition to his work on the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives, Representative BATES served with distinction on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy where he was one of the senior minority members. His work on that Joint Committee was marked by his stalwart support of the development of both the peaceful and the military atom. He took second place to no one in his advocacy of developing the technology to maintain U.S. leadership in the harnessing of nuclear energy, particularly for peaceful purposes.

Mr. President, the late Representative BATES was no ordinary man. He had fine intelligence, a vigorous mind, a dedicated purpose, a strong will, and still a resiliency that served him well as an effective legislator. He and I never had a chance to become close friends;

we were not thrown together sufficiently for that. Nevertheless, I mourn his passing because of the warmth of his nature and the great respect that I had for him, and the contribution that I know he made.

Mr. President, America needs such dedicated and responsible legislators as our late friend. We mark his passing with a sense of great loss to the country. He will be sorely missed.

I extend, for both Mrs. Stennis and myself, our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Bates and the surviving members of his family for their earthly loss, and I pray that God will sustain them in this hour and in the years ahead.

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